

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Royal Triumph

THE Queen is back in London safe and well after a six-month visit to her widely scattered realm. The 60,000-mile tour was quite the longest ever made by any reigning monarch. It is said the tour was made to show the Crown—or to be more correct, the newly crowned Sovereign—to the peoples of the Commonwealth. This is the Queen's due to her people. The gesture was magnificent in view of the physical strain it was bound to impose on the Royal Party. The thoroughness with which the tour was planned even down to the small but very important detail to include the Queen's Coronation dress and many of her splendid Coronation gifts of jewellery in her luggage, served to make this tour one of the outstanding successes of the century for the Commonwealth. For it marked an historic point in the evolution of the British monarchy. The Queen was greeted not as the visiting Queen of England but as the Queen of every dominion and colony she visited. More than anything else, she demonstrated—as anyone who has seen her and met her knows—that she is the same warm friendly and intensely human person whether she is attending race meetings at Ascot or listening to the tribal secrets of an aboriginal tribe in the wilds of Australia, or even sitting cross-legged on mats at the Royal dinner table of Queen Salote eating yams, turtles and roast sucking pigs.

THERE is an affinity between British people all over the world in that they feel a need for beauty, splendour and tradition in a standardised and increasingly mechanical world. The Queen is no longer a symbol of luxury and privilege even though she maintains a traditional splendour—and this has brought her nearer the common man's heart. Wherever she is seen the Queen is expected always at her best. There is no 40-hour or even 48-hour week for her. If the statisticians could assess the Queen's "working week" during the last six months they would probably discover that she submitted herself for at least 60 hours a week to the exacting and difficult task to which she was apprenticed for 25 years before ascending the throne. Yet from the day she landed on the grey sunlit speck of Bermuda in November to the day she left the bastion rock of Gibraltar the tour was a complete triumph. But it is a tour which probably never can be repeated. The strain during the last six months must have been intense and the innermost feelings of the Queen at the moment must be of profound relief that the undertaking is at last over. In the future it will be necessary for each member of the Royal Family to carry out his or her part by sharing the new obligations of the Queen to visit the distant lands of the Commonwealth, for each member of the Royal Family is an integral part of the monarchical system, each is a prominent and much-loved representative of the Crown. For the Queen, the "tours", as such, should be confined to far less formal visits to her dominions overseas. It is even suggested by an Australian Cabinet Minister, Sir Eric Harrison that the Queen may buy a house in Australia. Future visits to Commonwealth by air could take the place of some of the longer holidays spent at Balmoral but with the accent on informality and with only brief public appearances. In this way the Queen will establish more securely the fact that the crown is a corporate entity belonging to each and every member of the vast family of the British Commonwealth.

TRADE WITH CHINA: NEW U.S. DECLARATION



MR HAROLD STASSEN

Riots Death Roll, 206

Dacca, East Pakistan, May 17.

The official death toll rose to 206 last night in the Labour Day riots in East Bengal during the week-end.

Police stated 206 bodies had been recovered and they were still searching ponds and river banks for others feared killed. They have arrested 71 people. An emergency session of the Pakistan Cabinet last night decided to post troops in East Bengal industrial undertakings because of the riots, it was authoritatively reported here.

East Bengal industrialists are understood to have appealed to the Prime Minister, Mr. Mohammed Ali, for protection after the riots at the world's biggest jute mill here.

As a result of today's Government decision two ministers are leaving Karachi for Dacca tonight to make an investigation. They are the Minister of Labour, Dr. Abdul Malik, and the Minister of State for Defence, Sadr Amir Azam Khan.

The Dacca district magistrate has prohibited any assembly of more than five people and the holding of meetings without prior permission. Military patrols roam the streets.

A curfew from 10.30 at night until six in the morning has been imposed on the area around the Adamjee Jute Mills, where the riots occurred, and armed troops are patrolling the area.

An East Bengal Government communiqué said the riots resulted from a quarrel between two workmen on Friday night in which one was killed.—Reuter.

INDIA OFFERS HER SERVICES

Washington, May 16.

Mr. Gaganvir Lal Mehta, Indian Ambassador to the United States, said today that his country was willing to offer its services as the neutral policing power in the event that an Indo-Chinese truce was worked out at Geneva.

Mr. Mehta made the statement in an interview over a television network. He reiterated the desire of the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, for a truce in Indo-China.

During the truce talks in Korea, Indian troops patrolled a neutralised zone between the two sides and supervised the exchange of prisoners of war.—Reuter.

No Coercion Of Allies To Change Policies

'SHIFTS IN EMPHASIS' BY AMERICA

Washington, May 16.

America will not attempt to coerce her allies into conforming with her policy of banning all trade with China, according to a report submitted to Congress today by Mr. Harold E. Stassen, Director of the Foreign Operations Administration.

The report, a half-yearly review of the workings of the Battle Act—the Mutual Defence Assistance Control Act which deals with exports of strategic goods—speaks of "shifts in emphasis" in United States economic policy towards the Soviet bloc in Europe.

But American policy throughout the six months under review was to continue its total embargo on all exports, strategic and non-strategic, to China and North Korea.

"Rumours heard from time to time in various countries to the effect that the United States had decided to relax its embargo or was under irresistible pressure to do so, and that American cars were reaching the Chinese mainland by way of Japan, were completely untrue," the report said.

"Other governments had agreed to maintain the ban on strategic goods to China, and such relaxations as took place in controls were changes that did not affect the multilateral embargo."

But the report said: "Though the policies of other major free governments regarding trade with Communist China have not been identical with our own, the United States has not attempted—and will not attempt—to bring about conformity through coercion."

Not since 1948 had there been such a "flurry of new trade agreements" between Russia and non-Communist countries as last year.

The result was that in the early part of this year "the USSR had trade agreements with more free world countries than at any other time in the post-war period."

This fact and the hefty amount of trade which were called for in some of the agreements have given many people the impression that a historic increase in the size of East-West trade was taking place. The impression seems hardly justified.

The agreements usually merely authorised, but did not guarantee, the exchange of goods. And there was no evidence of a reversal of "the long slide" of the East-West trade of the East European countries.

The report condemned as inadequate two "extreme policies"—complete embargo on trade with the Soviet bloc and unrestricted commercial relations.

"The free world with its enormous production, can benefit from the test to what goods are traded and on what terms," it said.

FAIR STRONGER
"The free nations are stronger economically than they have ever been. Collectively they are far stronger than the Soviet bloc."

"They possess tremendous resources. On the whole, they have solid and healthy competitive systems. Their business-

men have behind them centuries of experience in bargaining, merchandising and servicing.

"These factors creating for the free world a currently strong trading position, the free world nations should be able to take advantage of the needs of the Soviet bloc and by hard bargaining gain benefits from East-West trade."

The report said that in view of Communist objectives and methods, unrestricted trade "would permit the bloc to increase its war potential—and specifically the all-important economic base of its war-making capacity."

"The goods received by the free world bring no commensurate return."

On the "shifts in emphasis" in American policy, the report said: "It was determined that the system of controls that had been developed during the last four years substantially satisfied the objectives relating to the buildup of Soviet war-making power and strengthening the free world relative to the Soviet bloc."

It had been decided to simplify the control lists and not to extend them, except for items which might be added occasionally because of changed conditions or new information. Items no longer deemed important would be removed or downgraded. "The Government believed that much could be done in the months to come, if done carefully and with due regard for security, to adjust the controls to a long haul basis."

"In setting the new directions, the Government recognized: 1. That maintaining commercial ties between the free world and the Soviet bloc—compatible with the security requirements of the free world—may have positive advantages during the present period of tension; 2. That there are, however, risks that trade may in some cases lead to undue reliance on the Soviet bloc as a trading partner; 3. That it is important to encourage trade within the free world, including the entry of commodities into the United States, by reducing trade barriers, especially when the effect of such action would be to decrease the reliance of the free world on the Soviet bloc."

The report said economic reliance on the Soviet bloc could increase the vulnerability of certain areas to Soviet pressure. In the six months under review, Western trade with China fell far below the first half of the year, and shipments fell below even the extremely low level.

TRAGIC MISTAKE

Nairobi, May 16.

A British officer leading an anti-Mau Mau operation was shot dead and two of his men injured when an army patrol mistook them for terrorists, it was officially announced today.

East Africa Command Headquarters withheld the name of the officer, a subaltern attached to the 30th Corps Royal Engineers, until his family are informed.

The accident occurred on the edge of a forest in the Aberdare Mountains, 15 miles north-west of Nyeri. An inquiry will be held.—Reuter.

Goldsmith Baby To Be Brought Up By Father

Paris, May 16.

The wealthy Patino and Goldsmith families have agreed that Jimmy Goldsmith will bring up the baby daughter delivered by a Caesarean operation on his wife's deathbed.

Jimmy's father, Mr. Frank Goldsmith, who is a director of the Savoy Hotel in London and owns hotels in Paris and Cannes, said today that "all the necessary agreement has been reached with the Patinos."

"After all my son is the child's father," he added.

There had been speculation that Senator Antonio Patino, millionaire Bolivian tin magnate who violently opposed the marriage of daughter Isabella to Jimmy Goldsmith, would seek custody of the child.

Relations between the Goldsmiths and Senator Patino, who chased Jimmy and Isabella to Scotland when they eloped four months ago, were frigid until the families were drawn together by Isabella's death from a brain haemorrhage this week-end.

HAS GOOD CHANCE

Jimmy went to the American hospital here today to see his 4th daughter in her incubator. Senator Patino had been to the hospital an hour earlier.

"There is a good chance that the child will live," Jimmy said.

"It is not yet certain but there is a good chance. Of course I will look after her."

Baby Isabella, now two days old, was transferred to the hospital from the private clinic where her mother died on Friday night despite a desperate struggle to save her life by Professor Jean Guillaume, one of France's leading specialists.

A hospital spokesman said the baby's condition was "satisfactory."

Meanwhile the body of her beautiful 18-year-old mother, whom the world's press christened "the runaway heiress" after her elopement, has been embalmed and taken to the Patino home.

Mr. Frank Goldsmith said he did not believe this indicated that her father intended taking the body home to Bolivia for burial.

He said a funeral service would be held on Tuesday in a church near the Bois de Boulogne, the parkland district in the west end of Paris.

All the details had not been completed yet, he said.—China Mail Special.

BOY RESCUED FROM TRUNK

Fakenham, Norfolk, May 16.

A United States Air Force Corporal today rescued a boy whose father had locked himself inside an airtight trunk.

Corporal James Milbert, 22, of the United States Air Base, Sculthorpe, Norfolk, smashed the trunk open with an axe to release the crying and frightened Michael Verdale, 9.

The boy's father is Wing Commander R.W. Irdale, holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross and Bar and the French Croix de Guerre. Formerly of the Australian Air Force he returns shortly to Melbourne, Australia.

At present he is a hotel manager at Fakenham—China Mail Special.

French Column Forced Back By Rebels

Hanoi, May 16.

The French High Command announced tonight that "strong Vietminh pressure" forced a 3,000-man French column back deep into Laos in a thrust officials fear may signal a Communist bid to seize control over the northern part of the kingdom.

Simultaneously, 15 Vietminh battalions have been deployed in what looked like the prelude to a Communist offensive on Phully, 35 miles south of Hanoi guarding the Red River delta.

Meanwhile, the withdrawal of the French column appeared to dash hopes that some Dien Bien Phu survivors might straggle out, according to French officials.

A French High Command spokesman said the De Croisecourt forces were digging in at the fortified village astride the Nam Bac River valley through which the Vietminh rolled last winter almost to the gates of Luang Prabang.

Assault squads, repeating the siege tactics that finally swamped the heroic garrison of Dien Bien Phu, wheeled their heavy artillery, heavy mortars and recoilless guns into firing positions around Phully, as top French and Vietnamese military leaders met in a secret session to plan urgent defence of the Delta rice bowl.

French planes, braved monsoon downpours and strong winds to pound Vietminh forces around Phully, while US-built B-26 bombers raked the surrounding limestone hills around Phully and tank-tipped French Union columns stabbed out from the threatened town, but the Vietminh refused battle, a Command spokesman said.

BEAT BACK ASSAULT
Meanwhile, the garrison of "little Dien Bien Phu", the besieged outpost of Anxa in the Thai Binh sector 52 miles southeast of Hanoi, beat back the eighth massive Vietminh attack in as many days, the spokesman said.

The heavily outnumbered garrison of about 100 French and native troops radioed anxiously last night that none of the mass of 500-lb. bombs dropped around the besieged post by a wing of 15 Navy Helldivers had exploded.

The pilots calmly told the garrison commander not to worry. They were delayed action bombs which went off over 10 seconds when night fell. The Vietminh waves fled from the battle position after the eighth unsuccessful assault.—United Press.

EMERGENCY PLANS
Paris, May 16.

Top French generals took off today for Indo-China with emergency plans to save the Red River delta from the Communists after the fall of Dien Bien Phu.

The high-ranking military mission which took off tonight carried a short-range plan to cope with the emergency in the delta where even now the Vietminh is closing in on vital Phully.

Gen Paul Ely, Armed Forces Chief of Staff, headed the mission. He was accompanied by Gen. Raoul Salan, former Supreme Commander in Indo-China, accompanied by Gen. Pierre Pélissier, deputy Air Force's Chief of Staff.

They took off from Orly Field at 5.25 p.m. GMT aboard an Air France plane.

President Rene Coty, who is constitutional head of the armed forces, cancelled a weekend at the presidential chateau at Rambouillet to study the defence committee's plans.

The committee is drafting a series of long-range plans to be put into operation if the Geneva conference failed to establish peace in Indo-China.

The plans hinge on the answers the United States gives to recent French questions about eventual Allied intervention in the conflict if Geneva fails.

Preparatory talks between France and the US were expected to start early this week.

The basic feature of the emergency measures carried by Gen Ely is reported to be con-

Luis Taruc, Huk Leader, Surrenders

IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY

Manila, May 17.

The Huk Communist leader, Luis Taruc, surrendered to the government authorities today and immediately was drawn behind a cloak of protective secrecy at Army Headquarters in Camp Murphy.

A source at Camp Murphy confirmed that Taruc, longtime figurehead of the dissident movement in the Philippines, entered government hands at 8.30 this morning.

He was alone. None of his elite bodyguard or followers surrendered with him, it was learned.

The source said Taruc met the Government contact man at San Simon, Pangasinana Province, about 23 miles south-east of Clark Field and north of Manila. His surrender under government terms had been expected for "three or four days," the source said.

Taruc, looking "surprisingly healthy", was dressed in khaki trousers, a long-sleeved coloured shirt and rubber shoes.

The contact man was believed to be Benigno Aquino, young Korea War correspondent and columnist for the Manila Times, who earlier this year had two secret interviews in the mountains with Taruc.

At one of the interviews the President's complaint and action chief, Manuel Manahan, offered the Huk chieftain the government terms for surrender, which Taruc turned down.

Taruc said this morning, according to the informant, that "the government's programme is similar to mine", intimating that he had been inclined to surrender because President Magsaysay's government was taking steps which Taruc had been fighting for.—United Press.

Politicians To Duel

Montevideo, May 16.

Former President Luis Berres, leader of a faction of the majority Colorado Party, was challenged to a duel today by the Nationalist leader, Dr. Luis Alberto de Herrera.

The challenge followed an article published by Senator Berres' newspaper, "Acción", under the title "Disloyalty and Pure Gangsterism." Dr. Herrera appointed Ramon Vina and Luis Page as his seconds, and Senator Berres appointed Armando Males and Washington Fernandez.

The article charged Dr. Herrera with failing to observe an agreement between the two Parties regarding the appointment of Justices for the Supreme Court of Uruguay.—United Press.

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Kennington Kids See The Mannequins



To the unglamorous London district of Kennington recently came some of the atmosphere of a London fashion show. Professional mannequins visited the Christchurch United Club, a youth centre in Harleyford Street, to put on a fashion show. The boys are taking just as keen an interest as the girls in this fashion print summer dress modelled by Paula de Lacy Baron.—Reuterphoto.

Crowds Won't Leave Buckingham Palace

They Still Wanted The Queen Even In The Rain!

London, May 17.

Queen Elizabeth's first full day in England after her Commonwealth tour drew to a close last night with big crowds still surging round Buckingham Palace.

About 10,000 people stood there in spite of a slight drizzle and the cry of "We want the Queen" went up from the crowd which pressed against the Palace walls.

The Queen Mother and Princess Margaret drove into the Palace in a black saloon car just after 8.30 p.m.

Crowds ran forward towards the entrance gates and formed an avenue of wildly cheering and waving people as the car drove in.

Then the cries of "We want the Queen" redoubled.

As the Palace floodlighting came on at 9.15 p.m. there was a great gasp from the crowd. More people crowded the railings for a close view of the illuminated Palace with the Royal Standard floating stiffly in the strong breeze.

There were enthusiastic crowds outside the Palace all day. The Queen herself spent a quiet Sunday with her family.—Reuter.

"VITAL MEANING"
Melbourne May 17.
The Sun News Pictorial, a Melbourne morning newspaper,

said today "the presence of the Queen in the lands over which she rules has given a vital personal meaning to the concept of a Commonwealth of nations."

Commenting on Queen Elizabeth's triumphant return from her Commonwealth tour, the newspaper said personal contact with their sovereign had "strikingly revived the unity of the diverse races and people who know her as their monarch."

The Argus, another Melbourne newspaper, wrote: "At best the tour was a wearying if heartening journey for her majesty; at worst it was a severe test of her qualities as a woman and a monarch."

"It would be strange if the spirit she showed had not done much to strengthen the British Commonwealth at a time when historical and geographical influences might tend to disunite it."—China Mail Special.

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Royal Commission To Examine Petrov Documents

Canberra, May 16.

The Royal Commission investigating Soviet espionage in Australia holds its first public hearing tomorrow.

It will be held in a local dance hall which has been converted into a courtroom.

The Commission is checking and probing an alleged Communist spy ring in Australia which was disclosed by the former Third Secretary of the Soviet Embassy, Vladimir Petrov. The Russian asked asylum in Australia in April and produced documents indicating the extent of Soviet espionage. These form the basis of the Royal Commission's investigation.

The first public session will be held in the ballroom of the Albert Hall only a short distance from Parliament House. The hearings are expected to last about three days.

The Commonwealth's chief counsel, Mr William John Windever, is expected to outline the State's case during the first two days and then may call security officers as witnesses to Petrov's actions and to secure those when he fled the Russian Embassy.

Great public interest has been aroused in the investigation and 60 Australian and foreign newspaper correspondents will attend the public hearings.

There also will be a number of international observers, including Mr Maurice Morris, President of the United States Bar Association.

CHAUFFEUR REMOVED
Three Justices of the Australian Supreme Court make up the Commission. Mr Justice William Owen, 55, is chairman.

The other members are Mr Justice Roslyn Philip, 58, of Brisbane and Justice George Ligertwood, 60, of Adelaide.

Meanwhile, it was announced that security officers have removed the man who was to have been chauffeur for the Commissioners. He is Allen McDonnell, who has been transferred from his post as Ministerial car driver to driver of a public omnibus in the government transport service.

The transfer was made on the grounds that he was a possible security risk, the authorities said.

Mr McDonnell said he was not given any reason for the demotion and assumed it was an industrial matter.

"I strongly deny any suggestion that I am a Communist," he said.—United Press.

Usurpation Charge Against Shishaki

Beirut, May 16.

Beirut Radio reported that the Syrian Ministry of Defence today filed charges of usurpation of authority against Colonel Adib Shishaki, exiled former President of Syria.

The broadcast said Col. Shishaki, who fled to Saudi Arabia after he was deposed earlier this year, would be tried before a Military Court headed by the Civil Criminal Court President, Zuhdi al Imam. The Syrian Defence Minister, Maruf al Dawlati, said the trial would take place in public as soon as preliminary investigations were completed, Beirut Radio said.—United Press.

43 Refugees Arrive From Hongkong

Geneva, May 16.

Forty-three European refugees, mainly white Russians from Communist China, flew into Geneva today from Hongkong to begin new lives in 10 Western countries.

Their flight resulted from the combined efforts for their resettlement on the part of the inter-governmental committee for European migration, the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and several voluntary agencies.

Fifty-six more refugees are due to arrive in another special aircraft from Hongkong tomorrow.

The Russian refugees had been living in China since the Bolshevik revolution in 1917. The other refugees included Jewish victims of the Nazis persecution.

Since the establishment of the Chinese People's Republic most of them had been in camps at Shanghai.

Altogether about 15,000 refugees of European origin, still in China, hope for international aid, refugee officials said.

Between February 1952, and March 1954, 5,079 were resettled.—Reuter.

Mines Washed Up At Wake

Washington, May 16.

Heavy seas have washed World War II bombs and mines on to Wake Island beaches during the past several weeks, the Commerce Department reported today.

The Department said that islanders have been warned not to approach any of the hostile-looking explosives as they wash ashore for fear they might still be alive.

The bombs and mines are believed to have come from sunken Japanese landing craft which have rusted through and released their cargoes of shells.—United Press.

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ASIANS URGED TO FORM SECURITY PACT

Carried His Tray 2½ Miles

Paris, May 16. Robert Friholt, a 30-year-old Parisian, today won the annual waiters' race along the Grands Boulevards here. Competitors each carried a bottle and two glasses on a tray and had to finish without spilling either to qualify. Wearing white coats and black trousers the waiters were cheered and impeded by a large crowd of Sunday strollers as they walked the 4½ kilometres (more than 2½ miles) from the Bastille Square to the Madeleine Church. —China Mail Special.

Was Czech Minister Kidnapped?

Washington, May 16. American intelligence agents believe that Bohumil Lasman, former deputy premier of Czechoslovakia who turned up in Prague yesterday after a six-month disappearance, was kidnapped from the Prague home in the United States Zone of Austria.

Officials said that U.S. government agencies had been alerted by Lasman, a former Social Democratic politician in Czechoslovakia, ever since he fled his Communist-run homeland.

They recalled that he was once in Yugoslavia in association with some officials of the Tito Government before returning to Austria last year. Lasman was not publicly associated with any Czech exile or anti-Communist organizations, they said.

One source gave the impression of his belief that Lasman might be a double agent, but the Czechoslovak Government would not comment.

It is known that Lasman fled to the West after the Communist takeover in 1948. He was believed to be in the United States.

Lasman is known to have left his Austrian home abruptly and without a passport or personal property, which would be unusual if he were planning to go home voluntarily.

Senators Pledge Backing By America And Allies

Washington, May 16.

Senators William Knowland (Republican, California) and Mike Mansfield (Democrat, Montana) called on the nations of Southeast Asia today to form a mutual security pact backed by the United States and her Allies to prevent the Communists from expanding in the Far East country by country.

Both Senators stressed that such a coalition must be formed by the Asian nations themselves rather than by joining an organization dominated by the United States, Britain, France, New Zealand and Australia.

"If we don't bring those people primarily concerned into this picture," Senator Mansfield said, "then I think the outlook is pretty hopeless."

In discussing the Far East with Senator Knowland on a radio programme, Senator Mansfield proposed that the security pact be supported by a "sort of Monroe doctrine" voiced by a leader like the Prime Minister of India, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru.

Behind this "Asian South-east Asia pact," he suggested, would be the might of the United States and other interested nations.

Senator Knowland, the Senate Republican leader, said that he was in agreement with Senator Mansfield that the pact be held until India "might come into the picture."

Senator Knowland said the pact must be taken quickly because "if we sit idly by and permit the Chinese Communists to overrun the balance of South-east Asia they are ultimately going to take over Japan, Formosa, the Philippines, Indonesia, India and Pakistan."

COULD NOT MATCH

Senator Mansfield said he opposed the United States sending military forces to India-China because the Communists pressed could call on the Chinese Communists and Soviet Russia for manpower, which this country could not match. Sen. or Knowland said that he favoured intervention by the United States.

India Unwilling

Simultaneously, the Indian Ambassador to Washington, Mr. J. L. Mehta, said India would not be willing to join a South-east Asian security alliance as proposed by the Secretary of State John Foster Dulles to prevent new Communist aggression.

But Mr. Mehta said India would be willing to provide troops to police any Indo-China truce just as it did in Korea. Appearing on Martin Agronsky's ABC television programme, the Indian envoy said, "We feel Communist infiltration constitutes no threat to India."

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

Other weekend developments were:

Chairman Alexander Wiley of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he did not expect Indo-China to fall, but hoped that Britain and other nations would join a Southeast Asian security alliance capable of withstanding any Red threat.

Senator Wiley said the fall of Indo-China would affect the Republic's political prospects but the "exact effects would depend on how the people would interpret" such a development and "what the alternatives of such action are or might have been."

In New York Senator Herbert Lehman (Democrat, New York) said today the United States could not gain support for the struggle against Communism if it gave "comfort or support" to colonial imperialism.

"We cannot ask the coloured peoples of Asia to support our leadership in world affairs if we in our immigration or other laws discriminate against coloured peoples of Asia," Senator Lehman said in a speech prepared for the 60th anniversary celebration of the Ukrainian National Association.

Senator Lehman also said: "The first prize in the world struggle is Europe."

"We can survive a setback in Asia," he declared, "but let the lights of freedom go back in Europe and all is lost." —Reuters & United Press.

Twins Succeed Twins

Mannheim, West Germany, May 16.

For more than a year identical twins, Robert and Edsel Campbell, confused their fellow workers at a United States Army motor pool here.

Then they returned home to Sarnoto, Florida—to be replaced by Louis and Anthony Campbell. From Hammond, Louisiana, who are also identical. —China Mail Special.

Big Welcome For The Queen



A welcome for the Queen as she leaves the palace of Monsignor Pace, Bishop of Gozo, during an hour's tour of Malta.—Central Press Photo.

Atomic Fertiliser (\$25,000 A Ton) To Be Tested In US

Washington, May 16.

Government scientists operating the nation's most unusual fertiliser plant expect to make one ton of atomic fertiliser this year at a cost of US\$25,000.

It will all be given away to agricultural research workers who have found this by-product of the atomic age useful in speeding studies of the way plants live and grow.

Strict safety precautions will be taken to ensure protection for workers against radioactive contamination. Workers will wear protective overalls and shoe covers to prevent them from accumulating "hot" dust on their clothes. Long rubber gloves will protect their hands and they will wear respirators to filter the air they breathe. A curved, clear plastic "windshield" mask will cover the face.

The "hot" material comes as a liquid, packed in a lead box. Individual shipments are small, since five pounds of the radioactive material is enough to produce an entire ton of mixed atomic fertiliser.

The radioactive phosphorus is made in the Atomic Energy Commission's atom pile at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, by bombarding standard phosphorous compounds with neutrons.

The AEC sells the "isotope" or radioactive phosphorus to the Agriculture Department for about US\$1,000 a pound. But this "low" price is possible only because isotope production is a sideline at the big AEC plant. If the atomic pile were turned on only for isotope production the cost would be astronomical, an official said.

Radioactive phosphorus received at the fertiliser plant is mixed with acids which are used to treat phosphate rock. When this process is complete the phosphate is "baked" in an oven, tested for strength, and mixed with other plant food elements.

The complete atomic fertiliser is measured carefully into ordinary kitchen-size mason jars and capped with rubber washers. For shipment to agricultural experiment stations across the country it is sealed in a cardboard tube and placed in a fibreboard mailing carton.—United Press.

300,000 Buddhists Flock To Singapore Temples

Singapore, May 16.

An estimated 300,000 devout Buddhists flocked to Singapore temples today to observe colourful ceremonies commemorating the three greatest events in the life of Buddha.

Today was the anniversary of the birth 2,877 years ago of Prince Siddhartha Gautama, the Lord Buddha, in Kapilavastu, India. It was also on this day of the Waxing (Full Moon) that Buddha attained supreme enlightenment under the Po Tai Tree at Buddha Gaya.

Singapore Buddhists dressed in new garments opened the day's celebration by hoisting Buddhist flags over the city's several hundred temples. The faithful entered shrines and observed the Eight Precepts (a form of communion) which was followed by a city-wide sounding of temple bells as Buddhist priests chanted the Sutra.—United Press.

BOOM IN THE HIMALAYAS

Up Go The Sherpas' Wages As The Climbers Go North

New Delhi, May 17.

After last year's conquest of Mount Everest by Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tensing, 1954 looks like being the busiest year ever for mountain climbing in the Himalayas.

Since early March, the beginning of the "new season", hardly a week has passed without the arrival of a new mountaineering expedition.

By early May there were at least 10 parties representing seven different countries "somewhere in the Himalayas." They come from Britain, Japan, the United States, New Zealand, Austria, Argentina and Italy.

The most ambitious attempt is that of a party of Americans who hope to climb a neighbouring peak to Everest, 27,700-foot Mount Makalu.

The most expensive expedition, according to local reports, will be that of the Japanese, who had as their first objective the unconquered Manaslu but have since changed to an attack on Ganesh Himal (24,200 feet).

The least expensive will be that of an Austrian party which is reported to be spending only 5,000 rupees on an attempt to climb three peaks in the Annapurna range.

Mountain climbing, according to an official of the Himalayan Club, has now become a major industry in Nepal, jumping off place for most of the expeditions and recruiting ground for coolies and sherpas.

1,000 COOLIES

He estimated that at present at least 1,000 coolies are engaged in hauling loads belonging to one or other of the expeditions. "These people who normally find it difficult to make a living, have never known it so good," he said.

MANY SHOULD SUCCEED

Mountain climbing, it would seem, has become anyone's sport. Best known of those in the Himalayas at present is undoubtedly a bee-keeper, Sir Edmund Hillary, who last year reached the top of Everest with Sherpa Tensing Norkay and who is leading a New Zealand expedition to the Barun glacier, Nepal.

His party includes two members of last year's Everest team, Dr Charles Evans and Mr George Lowe.

The leader of the Argentinian party attempting the 26,700-foot Dhaulagiri peak is Francisco Ibáñez, an officer of the Argentine mountain troops and consequently the nearest, among all the climbers to being a "professional" mountaineer.

In their climbing, experience will count much towards success. In this respect each team is well equipped.

The Japanese party includes eight men from the Japanese expedition which attempted an assault on Manaslu last year.

Little is known about an Italian team which flew through Delhi towards the end of April in a last minute rush to reach the season. Led by 71-year-old Professor Ghigliano, the team had at that time not definitely decided which of three mountains it would attempt to conquer.

NEW INCENTIVE

Mountaineering enthusiasts and the New Delhi embassies of the countries concerned in the new rush to the Himalayas, are waiting for the first radioed signal of success or failure. They believe that if the weather is kind more than half of the expeditions should achieve their objectives.

Growing French Antagonism To Communists

Growing French antagonism to Communists became evident this weekend.

There were these developments:

● In Le Ruys, Central France, a French Communist and a veteran of the Indo-China war today fought out their differences behind the local monument to the war dead.

Denis Volle, a member of the Communist Party, now called on Mr. Delabre, President of the local Indo-China war veterans' group, and told him: "Those Dien Bien Phu fellows got what they deserved. General de Gaulle ought to be hanged."

After a scuffle, in which both parties suffered bruises, they each went to the local police station separately to make complaints for assault and battery.

● In Paris, Indo-China war veterans attacked several newspaper vendors selling the Sunday edition of the Communist newspaper, L'Humanité today.

The vendors were manhandled and their newspapers destroyed.

● At Arras, the French Communist Party suffered another defeat when Socialist candidate P. Delabre was elected deputy on the second ballot of the Pas de Calais parliamentary by-elections today.

M. Delabre succeeded Communist deputy René Camphin, who died a few months ago.

M. Delabre polled 174,877 out of the total 324,714 votes, while the Communist candidate, M. Coquel, obtained 134,498 votes. This is the second time in a few weeks that a Communist candidate has been beaten in a by-election.

And at Marseilles, the Socialist Party Federation of the Bouches-du-Rhône, department of Southern France, meeting prior to the national congress of the party scheduled for May 29, endorsed the European Defence Community treaty by 100 votes to four—a blow to Communist opposition to the treaty.—France-Press and United Press.

TV In 3-D Next

Fort Worth, Texas, May 16.

The Chairman of Radio Corporation of America, Mr David Sarnoff, predicted last night that third-dimension television and worldwide TV would be available within five years.

Mr Sarnoff was in Fort Worth to touch the first Texas originated colour telecast, which was aired over WRAP-TV, owned by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Mr Sarnoff, who played an important role himself in the development of television, said experts would eventually make television so that a family could watch in its living room events happening anywhere in the world—at the instant they occurred.

He further predicted that third dimension on television would not require glasses.

Sarnoff said he believed that within 10 years the size of TV pictures in a home could be regulated by the viewer, like a movie projector.

And within two years, he believed, the price of colour television sets would be low enough for the average family to own.—United Press.

Dr Malan Has Another Try

Capetown, May 17.

Both houses of the South African Parliament go into a joint session today and the Prime Minister, Dr Daniel Malan, will try again to secure a two-thirds majority for legislation placing coloured voters on a separate voters' roll.

His bill seeks to validate the Separate Representation of Voters Act 1952 which was invalidated by the Appeal Court because it has not been enacted in joint session with a two-thirds majority at the third reading—as prescribed by the South African Act.

The Government's present strength is 15 votes short of the necessary two-thirds majority.

Since 1951 all previous legislation in the coloured vote issue has failed to get a two-thirds majority of a joint sitting of both houses.

The coloureds, a mixed non-African racial group in Cape Province, vote with whites by tradition but the Nationalist Government's apartheid policy demands that there be separate electorates with only minimal representation in Parliament.

Like African natives they would be given a few white members to represent their interests.

Political observers forecast that Dr Malan will fail again even though at last year's joint session, the Independent United Party, numbering seven, broke away from the opposition.

It is not expected that these seven will support Dr Malan's bid for a two-thirds majority unless other opposition elements are prepared to do likewise in sufficient numbers to secure the majority.

This comes into prominence again with a Parliamentary Committee's report on new amending legislation designed to implement it.—China Mail Special.

Japanese Practise Earthquake Drill

Tokyo, May 16.

About 600 members of the Japan Red Cross rehearsed earthquake drill today in a Tokyo park.

The workers went through the motions of aiding victims of an imaginary earthquake that struck the Tokyo area.

Police and Coast Guard helicopters transported the "victims" to and from the park.

Members of the Royal family, Princess Mikasa, Chichibu and Takamatsu, and Prince Takamatsu watched the drill.—China Mail Special.

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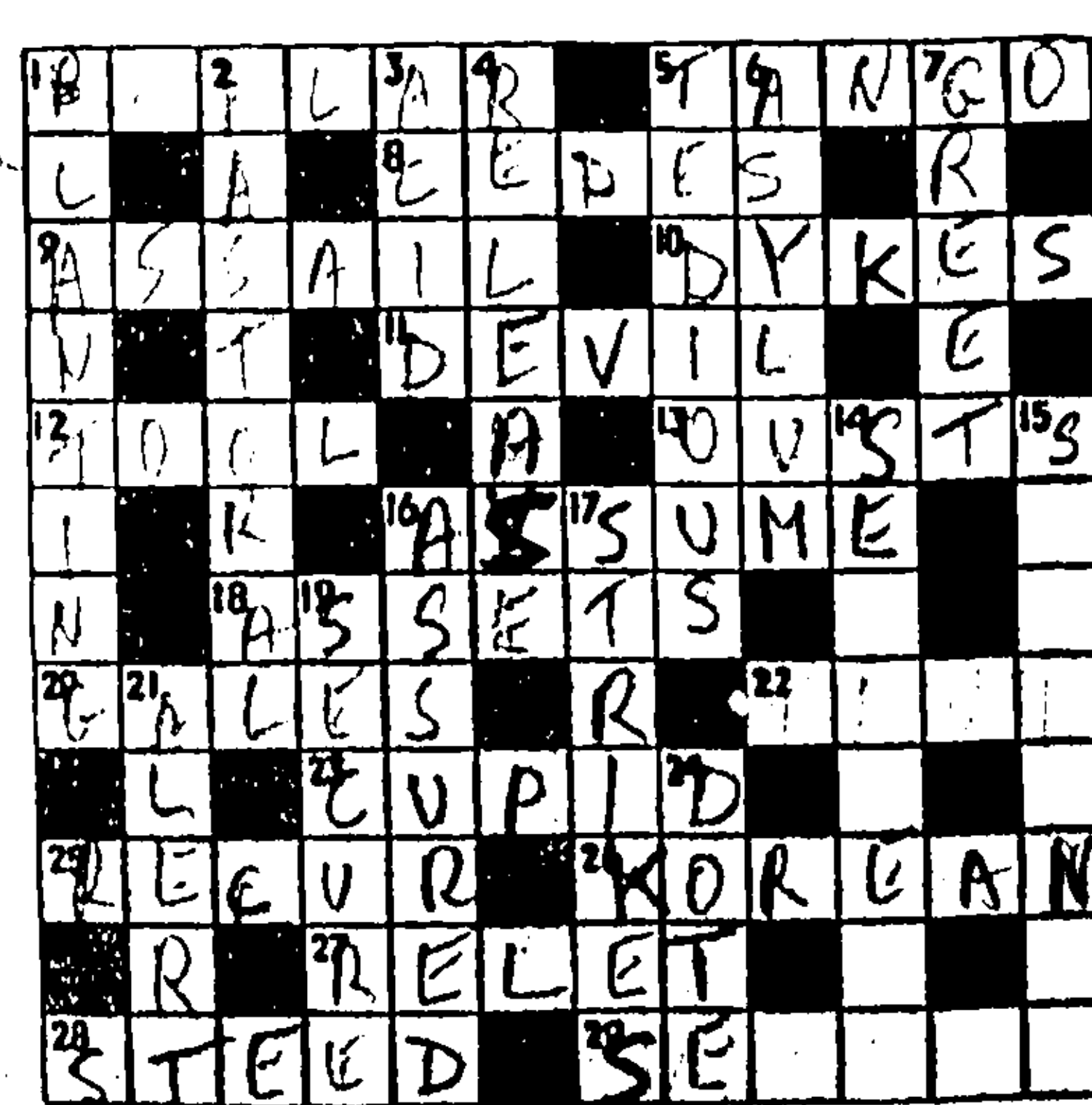
Brisbane, May 16.

Fifty aboriginal men in a mission near Cockatoo, more than 1,100 miles from here, want to get married; but there are no girls for them to wed.

So the Queensland Native Affairs Department is to send them, in groups of eight, to a native settlement more than 300 miles south of Cockatoo where women outnumber men.

The department is confident the Cockatoo bachelors and the mission spinners will soon arrange things.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Tree (6).
 - Dance (5).
 - Gives up (5).
 - Attack (6).
 - Dishes (6).
 - Evil spirit (5).
 - Implement (4).
 - Elects (5).
 - Take for granted (6).
 - Property (5).
 - Violent windstorms (5).
 - Walk lamely (4).
 - God of love (5).
 - Happen again (5).
 - Asiatic (6).
 - Leased mow (5).
 - Mount (5).
 - Pay up (6).
- DOWN**
- Putting into the ground (6).
 - Ruistic (8).
 - Bitter (4).
 - Liberate (7).
 - Wearisome (7).
 - Refuge (6).
 - Welcome (6).
 - Uncertainty (8).
 - Gave confidence (7).
 - Slope working (7).
 - Safe (6).
 - Watchful (5).
 - Love to excess (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Lash, 7 Ready, 8 Exit, 9 Rude, 10 Various, 12 Dirt, 15 Rise, 18 Pale, 19 Adip, 21 Exit, 23 Stem, 25 Dope, 26 Fast, 29 Mediate, 30 Aged, 31 Heat, 32 Glo, 33 Take Down, 1 Relax, 2 Admiral, 4 Amuse, 5 Block, 6 Lin, 9 Ruse, 11 Oiled, 13 Item, 14 Tota, 16 Bated, 17 Sort, 18 Pip, 20 Desists, 22 Sped, 24 Cries, 25 Bill, 27 Anet, 28 Test.

A NEW GRIPPING STORY BY LEONARD MOSLEY STARTS TODAY

FIND THIS BOY!

THE POLICE DOSSIER SAYS:

Mother—murdered Father—accused The son—in peril

"WELL, do we arrest him or don't we?" asked the man from the Director of Public Prosecutions, laying down the official report. "On this evidence, if we go to trial with him, he will hang. We have a good case and I think he killed her."

I looked at his round, complacent face and, not for the first time, thought how easy it was for him—deciding the guilt from typewritten sheets of foolscap. It feels a bit different when it is a person you have been trying to read, and not a column of words.

"You think he killed her, too, don't you, Stanley?" he asked. "Yes, I do," I said. "I'm certain of it."

He rose to his feet. "Well, then, why the hesitation? When they bring George Rowe in here in an hour's time, charge him with murder. He battered his wife to death. He deserves all he gets, and what he'll get, when our case is through, is the gallows."

I said: "But what about the boy?"

"Don't worry about him," he replied, going to the door. "We'll find him. And you'll see, he'll help our case, not harm it."

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I let him go because I knew it was useless to argue any more. Even my own mind was made up about George Rowe. The facts against him were overwhelming.

As I sat there at my desk this morning, finishing my own report on the case, I knew the doubts in my mind were foolish—but that did not stop them from haunting me. And what mad thought came to me was the boy, whose photograph stared at me from the front pages of all the Sunday newspapers.

It was the photograph of a small, thin boy of 10. One headline said: "HAVE YOU SEEN THIS SAVED BOY? POLICE HUNT DEAD WOMAN'S CHILD."

A story on another page said: "Has 10-year-old Tony Rowe, possible witness of his mother's murder, fled to Manchester? The aunt he used to visit lives there, and police think this sad-eyed boy may have gone to see her, but missed her. For his

aunt was away from home this week-end...."

They were right about the sad eyes. The face that stared up at me was that of a sick and worried angel. He looked as if he was desperately anxious and unhappy.

To judge from the facts we have gathered since the murder of his mother, there had been plenty of reasons why 10-year-old Tony Rowe both looked and felt that way.

I came into this murder case straight out of an afternoon off at the pictures, getting my first look at Cinemascope. At four o'clock on Thursday afternoon, there, on the screen, was Miss Terry Moore, at least 4ft. long, reclining luxuriously on a divan. Half an hour later I was in an Earls Court flat, looking at a different kind of body sprawling across the divan.

Mrs. Diana Rowe had been battered to death.

By the time I arrived the routine examinations had been made, and already the case had a shape. By early evening we knew for whom we were looking.

The woman caretaker, who lived in the basement flat, was our principal source of information. She spent a lot of time sitting by her window, she said, watching people pass by.

No, Mrs. Rowe hadn't had any visitors all morning. At half-past twelve Tony Rowe came home.

"Surprised me to see him, it did," the caretaker said. "He usually stayed at school for his dinner. Only decent meal he ever got, poor kid. A peevy child—and the way that woman treated him! I saw him go into the house and I heard his voice calling 'Mum! Mum!'

"I did hear a crash or two from upstairs," she said, "but I just thought it was her slapping the poor bairn again."

It was getting on for two o'clock. They were playing Larkin with mother on the B.L.C. when Tony Rowe came out. He looked terribly sick, she said, and ran off like mad down the Crumwell Road. A few minutes later she heard the

crash of the Row's flat slam and a man came rushing out.

"I knew who he was at once," she said. "It was Mrs. Rowe's husband, the one she got the separation from while he was at sea. He hadn't been

around for years, but I recognised him."

"He was obviously looking for his son, because he kept abouting 'Tony. Come back, Tony.' And it was while he was standing there, just before he galloped off down the street, that I noticed it."

The caretaker paused, and then said: "There was blood. Blood all over his hands and on his overcoat."

We fitted in the rest of the story later.

It looked like an easy, if sordid, case. Diana Rowe had once been the pretty, faithful wife of a busman in a merchant-man, and the mother of a delightful, if delicate, son. Then suddenly, during one of her husband's leaves, the marriage broke up.

While he was at sea she applied for a separation. He was told about it but did not contest it. She got a judicial separation and custody of the child.

And suddenly she became one of those young women you see



THE BOY drawn by ROBB.

**I HEARD
HIM CALL
FOR HIS MOTHER, THEN...**

in the more sordid West End clubs.

Someone had informed George Rowe about her. We found letters from him in the flat, protesting at the way she was treating their son, abusing her, threatening her.

We sent out the "red" signal: "Bring in George Rowe." We put checks on every road, railway, and river going out of the city. "May be accompanied by his son, Tony Rowe, slight, delicate, dark-haired, aged 10."

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But when we picked up George Rowe in Kensington High Street, yesterday morning, he was by himself. He was standing outside the cinema, asking small boys and girls: "Have you seen a boy named Tony—Tony Rowe?" when a policeman on crossing-duty recognised him. The blood was still on his coat.

After which, they brought him to me. Oh, yes, he protested his innocence. "I didn't kill her," he kept saying, very quietly. "She was dead when I got there. It must have been someone else."

I said: "How could it have been Mr. Rowe? The only fingerprints in the flat were those of the deceased, the boy, the caretaker, and yourself. Your prints were on the heavy poker with which part of the attack was made. The seaman's knife with which you slashed her—your prints were on that, too. You wiped that clean but you forgot the poker."

He looked at me with an expression of dull desperation, and murmured: "I didn't do it, I say! She telephoned and asked me to come and fetch the

boy. Why don't you find Tony? He was there when I went into the flat. He'll tell you I didn't do it. Why don't you find my son?"

Then he flung his head into his hands and said: "It's six years since he has seen me, and he didn't recognise me! He was frightened when I spoke to him and ran away." And then, getting to his feet: "Isn't that a terrible thing when a son doesn't recognise his own father?"

We questioned him all through Saturday and through the night hours. We sent out the alarm for Tony Rowe, and issued his picture and description.

I don't know what the boy can tell us when we find him. I doubt if it will help his father, anyway.

I hated to do it, for, in spite of the savage ferocity with which he killed his wife, he seems a decent enough man, but at 0.30 this evening I charged George Rowe with murder.

It must have been about an hour later when there was a knock on my door, and my clerk came in. "Beg pardon, sir," he said, "but there's a Mr. Robinson asking to see you. Says he's a doctor, sir, from St. James's Hospital."

"Mr. Robinson?"

"That's the name, sir. Shall I show him in?"

The door opened and the most famous blood specialist in the country, the man whose name gets hung up on palace walls when monarchs are ill, walked in. He shook my hand.

**NEXT
A note from
Tony Rowe.**

"I shall not take up much of your time, Superintendent Stanley," he said. He took a Sunday paper from under his arm and pointed to the picture of Tony Rowe on the front page. "It is about this boy. Have you found him yet?"

"Not yet, sir," I said. "But why should it interest you?"

"All my patients interest me," Robinson said. "But this one—particularly—first because he is a nice but unhappy child, and second because he is ill." He bent his face towards me and a note of urgency came into his voice. "You must find Antony Rowe quickly, superintendent."

I said: "We're doing our best, sir. When these children run away, it always takes a little time. But in a week or 10 days..."

"In 10 days' time, superintendent," he cut in abruptly, "Antony Rowe will be dead if you don't bring him to me."

I stared at him for a long moment in stupefied silence, and then said: "I know you would not joke, but can you really mean this?"

He nodded. "I have never been more sure of anything in the whole of my medical career. Antony Rowe came to me six months ago for a debility test. I won't go into details, but I discovered that he was suffering from a serious disease, superfluous, which had reached such a stage that he was already going into the decline that leads to death."

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He paused and then went on: "I saved his life. I have continued to save his life, month after month, by giving him a twice-weekly injection which retards the wastage. But he has not been for his injections for the last five weeks, superintendent. He is badly in need of them already. If he is not found—and brought to me before the middle of next week at the latest, he will die."

I sat in a daze for a little while after the doctor had gone. Then I picked up the telephone, spoke to the commissioner, and called the Press office.

"Hello, Joe," I said. "I'm desperately anxious to find that missing boy Tony Rowe, and I need the help of the newspapers and the B.B.C. It's a good story for them—so I want their maximum co-operation. Could you call a conference with the Press boys for me? Tell them Scotland Yard is going to ask the People of Great Britain to help us save the life of Tony Rowe. There isn't much time."

I put down the telephone, had a drink out of the flask in the drawer, and prepared to go across to the Press room. I wondered if I should tell George Rowe, down in the cells, waiting to be tried for murder, about his son. For he had a vital stake in this too.

If Tony Rowe was not found in time to save his life, George Rowe's last chance of supporting his own story would die with the child—and he would hang, certain of it.

I decided to tell him later. I buzzed for my assistant, and when he came in, said: "Get me a travel voucher for Manchester and find out the time of the last train. I'm going to take a chance. I'm going North to see if I can find Tony Rowe there. Let Manchester police know, will you?"

"Yes, sir," he said. "I'll pack you some sandwiches."



"Quick, Nikolai! You go change your disguise into a police inspector's uniform while I disguise myself as a bishop."

GLIDING TO PLEASURE

By Jack Senn

IN this jet age, there are air-minded Britons who still prefer to soar in a glider at a comfortable pace over the green fields of England.

Twenty-five gliding clubs scattered over the country contain 1,300 members devoted to this airborne pastime. To the pilots, gliding means a test of flying skill coupled with an innate joy in reaching the skies. The excitement they derive from their "circuits" is as great as that provided by any football match.

Some, of course, believe in record-breaking flights. Usually international aces, they enter for the world championships held annually at Great Hucklow, in Derbyshire, during two weeks in July and August.

Others have not been so fortunate. Mr. Lorne Welch, a Surrey gliding instructor flying 8,500 feet above Dover, was once forced to "join" a cloud and drift all the way to Brussels. He made the 200-mile journey in six hours and 20 minutes.

Mr. Bernard Thomas tried to glide from Sheffield to the South Coast. But the wind "let him down" and he landed in Ilford sports ground, just outside London.

But even the most experienced cannot beat wind and weather.

Oxford's Professor G. Varley, an entomologist, is naturally interested in all things winged—even gliders.

A gliding enthusiast, he decided one day last Easter to visit his old university—Cambridge—by air.

Then, only 25 miles from Kidlington, his machine began to lose height. The professor selected a green stretch which looked velvety smooth. As he was about to land, the wind sprang up and deposited him somewhat bumpily in the next field.

Taking his bearings, he saw before him an imposing brick house with a spacious drive to it. Just as he was on his way to seek help there, he noted to his disappointment (and relief) that he had almost landed in the grounds of Chequers, the Prime Minister's official country residence.

But despite these flights, which often fall short, or overshoot, the mark, pilots say that gliding is as "safe as a car cruise on an empty road."

Scptics still doubt the sport's safety. To this Professor Varley, Mr. Welch and Mr. Thomas answer that there are some hitches to it, but only when the glider is not airborne.

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WHITEWASHING THE FORCED LABOUR CAMPS

By Walter Kolarz

SOVIET propaganda has found it necessary to react, at least indirectly, to the flood of information which has recently come out of Soviet Russia about conditions in such ill-famed places as the Vorkuta coal-mining and the Kolyma gold-mining areas.

The press and radio of the free world during recent months have been in a position to give the public a great deal of up-to-date, first-hand information about the forced labour system in the more remote parts of the Soviet empire. The story of the Vorkuta strike in the summer of 1953, in particular, made a great impression in the West and now of it has no doubt penetrated over the other to the other side of the Iron Curtain.

So the Soviet press has every reason to try to show that Vorkuta and Magadan are really normal localities, whatever the former camp inmates may tell the world.

The Soviet counter-campaign reached a climax during the Komsozol (Youth League) Congress which ended recently. Among the carefully selected

speakers—mostly high Komsozol officials—there appeared suddenly an obscure engine driver from Vorkuta. He purported to speak for "the young people of the Polar region, miners, railwaymen and builders who were 'glorifying the Motherland with their successes in

But in other contexts too, both Vorkuta and Magadan, two towns which owe their existence entirely to the forced labour communities there, are being brought into the news. There is a clear attempt to give a new meaning, however erroneous, to these names which have hitherto had so sinister a significance.

PHOTOS PUBLISHED

On March 2, 1954 the Soviet Literary Gazette published some photographs of Magadan. The articles which went with them contained such phrases as: "A beautiful, well-built town with many-storeyed houses, with a theatre, hospitals, kindergartens and clubs—this is Magadan today."

An article in Izvestia on January 24, 1954 gave a similarly rosy picture of the development of Vorkuta. It called

Vorkuta "a mining town" and quoted a description of it given in the central organ of the Komi Republic, Za novy Sever ("For a new North"), which spoke of new buildings going up and said that "soon Vorkuta will be one of the most beautiful towns in the Soviet Union."

There is no doubt that these regions are, in fact, being developed and that their populations are increasing. In February 1953, Magadan was promoted to a town of territorial importance, and in December 1953 a new administrative area was formed, and Vorkuta, in the case of Vorkuta, however, the climatic conditions are such that there could be no question of a growing population there, were it not for the forced labour system and for the Soviet Government's determination further to develop an area rich in coal.

The "young people" to whom the Vorkuta delegate at the Komsozol Congress referred can only be boys and girls who are in some way connected with the labour camps, whether they are the children of inmates, of administrative and police personnel, or themselves ex-convicts who have been freed

but not encouraged to depart to more congenial parts of the country.

In fact the Vorkuta delegate's speech made it plain that little more provision is made for these so-called "free workers" than is made for the slave-labourers themselves. No doubt he was not allowed to say as much as he could have done about conditions there, but he did voice a few grievances.

CONDITIONS HARD

He said: "The young people of the Polar region, with every right, count on having more concern shown for them. Such concern, however, is not everywhere displayed. Some of the young miners of Vorkuta live in hard dwelling conditions, without well-equipped hostels. The Minister of the Coal Industry, Comrade Zayadko, ought to settle these questions a bit more quickly. The building of a Palace of Culture has been begun in Vorkuta, but it is going slowly. Young railwaymen of our department have no club at all and no gymnasium, although we have a very long winter."

If the interests of the "free workers" are so neglected, one hesitates to contemplate the conditions which must be endured by the slave labourers.

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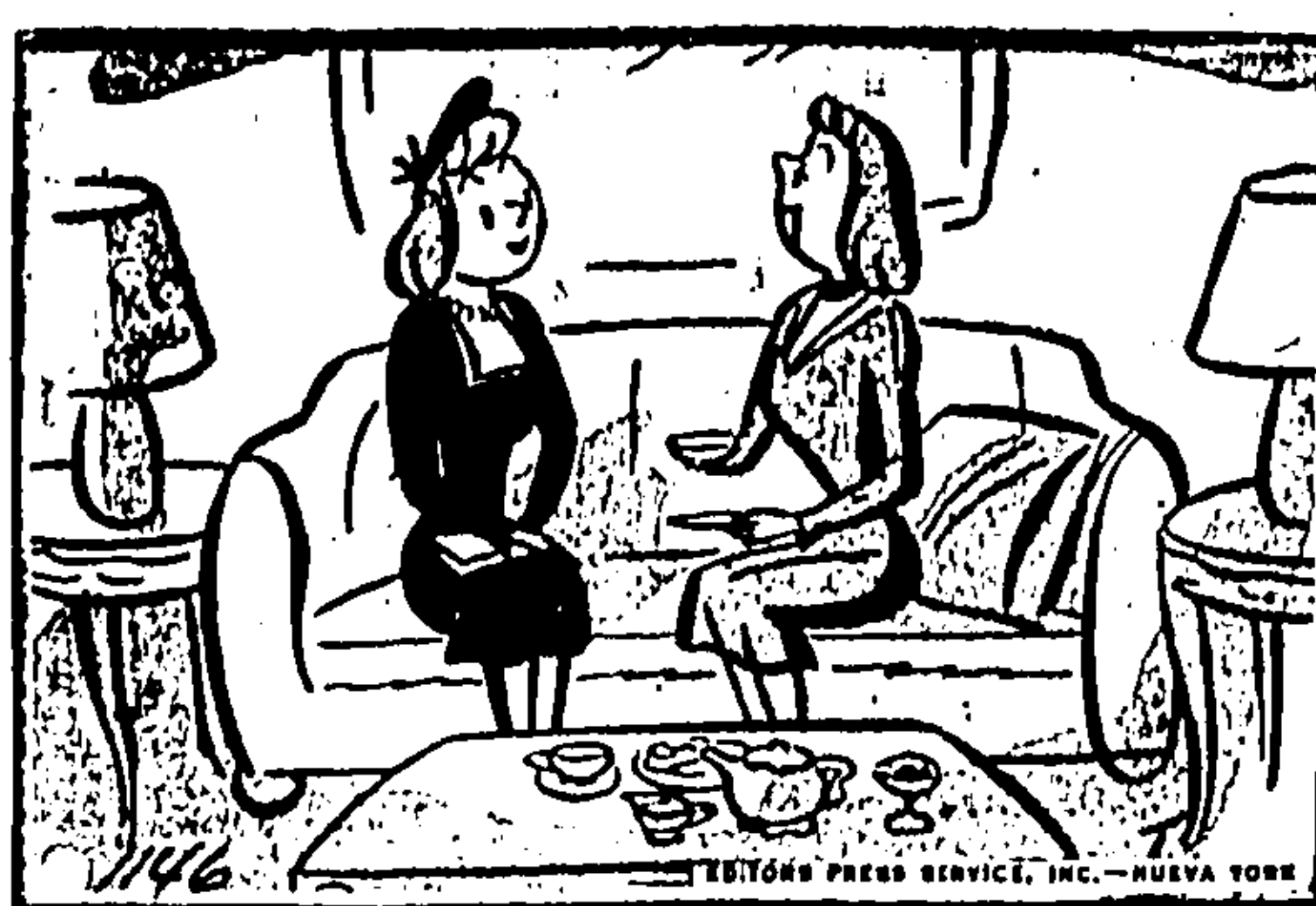
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"We always try to see each other's side of the argument. Luckily, George's eyesight is better than mine."

• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

IT is said that the stage of the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall is unsuitable for ballet because it is rough, and splinters might enter the shoe of a dancer.

That would be less embarrassing than an occurrence at Nibbles, when the curtain rose taking the dancers with it. There they were, kicking and struggling, just as it was part of the performance. Many of the audience thought it was, and applauded heartily. On another occasion, in a theatre with a revolving stage, some day set the mechanism in motion in the middle of a ballet. Round and round went the dancers and as the pace increased, some were flung off at a tangent into the audience. A local homemaker named Carter caught Tumbler and refused to let her go.

Twenty Years of Upstart

THE rigid and unorthodox bearing of the conductor of an orchestra was criticised the other day. It will not be long before audiences at concert will expect the conductor to emerge from a huge floodlit

concrete piano. He will wear a white coat, and will dance about his podium, exchanging jokes with the orchestra, who will make faces at him, as they shout to the music of Beethoven or Bach. Make way for Zuggi Zappellinger's Sockamara Philharmonic Swingers.

Treating them rough

A FELLOW-HACK suggests that the best way to keep big-business men quiet on Transatlantic planes is not to pamper them but to be nasty to them. This makes sense. Hideous air hostesses (was there ever a more ridiculous word?) would be a salutary change. They would be dressed badly and unbecomingly, would be chosen for their screech-owl voices, and would answer questions as the business men do—rudely, ignorantly, and with the desire to offend. If a passenger asked: "What time are we due, my dear?" she would reply: "Mind your own business—and a pretty vile business it is, judging by your face."

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

MONDAY, MAY 17

BORN today, you are the type for whom the stars have been spelled with a capital "D". What you ought to do comes first in your life—then, if there is any time left over, you may devote it to personal pleasure. The stars have given you a brilliant alert mind and one which you should utilize to its fullest extent. Your generous and sympathetic nature may cause you to be imposed upon—be on your guard against it. You'll do enough good for others in the normal turn of events.

You are a natural leader, have a fine speaking voice and will probably be able to dramatize your thoughts as you go along. You make many friends, but are most

TUESDAY, MAY 18

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—The helpful recognition of friendship may prove to be great today in a "give and take" situation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)—Keep a careful eye on your budget today. Saving leaves something to spare for tomorrow.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Be constructive by making clear, future plans and then following through with them to the letter.

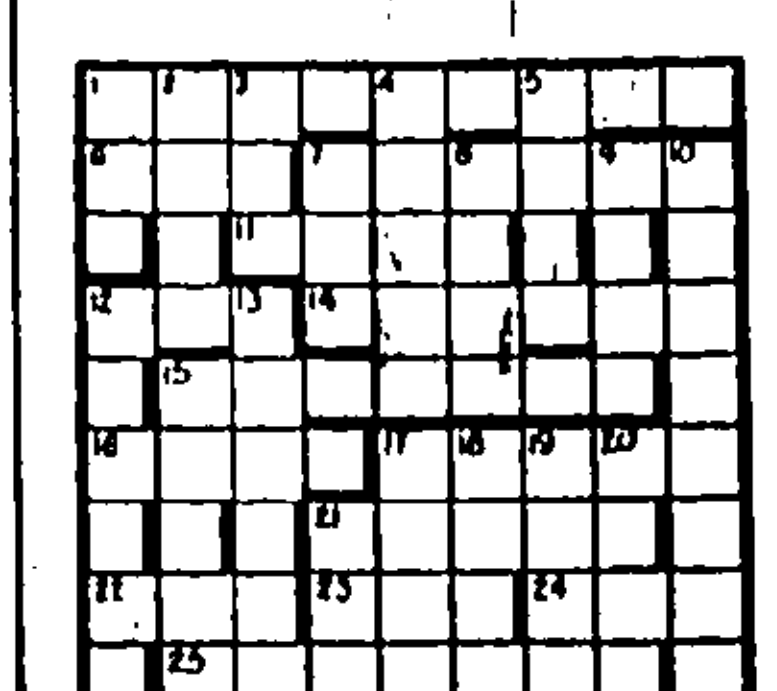
LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Maintain the patience of a saint today, if you are to get anywhere. To lose your temper is plain disaster.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—A post visit to a casual friend may be returned today and bring you immeasurable joy.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—It may be difficult to keep your mind on your work today, but try important things need doing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Keep your eyes open for exactly

CROSSWORD



Across
1. Hedonism with J. makes big bottles (4)
2. Growl ones are big Tower drive (4)
3. Borelli and he make a story (4)
4. Earls are—and schoolboys used to be (6)
5. Bitter-sweet, apparently (4)
6. The credit-devoiced (5)
7. Professor's seat (5)
8. Date without a penny (3)
9. Heart of this are our ships (3)
10. This watch is late afternoon (3)
11. See last (anagram) (7)
Down
1. Every dog has his (3)
2. It always has a reply ready (4)
3. Encouraged notable songsters in India (4)
4. Where the cherry comes from in Spain (5)
5. Play! Part a race (4)
6. Needle provides this sort of (4)
7. One may mean your fortune's made (4)
8. Look with meaning—lots of (4)
9. Die mixed up in the sedge (4)
10. As part makes up a ruler (5)
11. Miss Nightingale's girls (5)
12. Captain to the Force (5)
13. Sing scrubs (5)
14. He made a (5)
15. The (5)
16. The (5)
17. The (5)
18. The (5)
19. The (5)
20. The (5)
21. The (5)
22. The (5)

White, 10 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.

Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. Kt-KP, any; 2. Q, or Kt (ch, or dis ch) mates.

DUMB-BELLS



JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Horrible Playing
Dominates Game

By OSWALD JACOBY

HORRIBLE is the word for today's hand. South found a horrible way to bid his hand, and then managed to play it with equally horrible style. Maybe it will be an example for all of us.

East's fine opening bid of three hearts made matters awkward for South. He should double, indicating a readiness for almost anything. His actual bid of three spades indicated a long spade suit (at least six cards) in a hand that wasn't good enough for a double or a jump to four spades.

In view of this message, North couldn't do much but raise to four spades. Slam seemed to be out of the question if South could bid only three spades. Actually, of course, the hand can be spread for thirteen tricks at clubs. If South had doubled three hearts, North would have bid energetically to at least a small slam in clubs.

When West led a small heart against the actual contract of four spades, South put up dummy's king of hearts. East played the ace, and South ruffed. South then led a trump to dummy's ace and a trump back to his king.

East discarded, and the rest was misery. South couldn't possibly make ten tricks against good defence from this point on. In fact, he had to play quite

NORTH		10	
♠	A 4		
♥	K 6		
♦	A 8 4		
♣	A 10 7 5 3 2		
WEST	EAST (D)		
♠	10 9 8 3 2	7	
♥	Q 8 7 4	♠ A J 10 9 5 3 2	
♦	10 7 3	♥ K 9 5	
♣	9	♦ K 8	
SOUTH			
♠	K Q J 6 5		
♥	None		
♦	Q J 6 2		
♣	K Q J 4		
North-South vul.			
East	South	West	North
3 ♥	3 ♠	4 ♥	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
Opening lead—♥ 4			

carefully to go down only one trick. It wasn't very pleasant to lose 100 points at a makeable (but wrong) contract after having missed an ice-cold grand slam in the bidding!

South made his first error in the play of the cards when he played the king of hearts from the dummy. It was obvious that East had the ace, so nothing could be gained by playing the king.

The correct play is to play the six of hearts from dummy. East plays the nine, and South discards a diamond. The bidding advertises unusual distribution, and South should expect a 5-1 trump break.

East continues with the ace of hearts (any other defense is a cinch for South) and declares a second diamond. East leads a third heart, and dummy ruffs while South discards a third diamond. Now declarer cashes the ace of spades, gets to his hand with a club, and leads out three more high spades. The South leads clubs until West takes his trump trick. Nothing can defeat the contract.

If the king of hearts is played at the first trick, East may return a low heart if allowed to hold the trick. West wins and shifts to diamonds, defeating the contract.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:

North East South West

1 Heart Pass 2 Diamonds Pass

3 Clubs Pass ?

You, South, hold: Spades 8-6, Heart 2, Diamonds K-Q-J-6-5, Clubs A-J-9-3-2. What do you do?

A—Bid five clubs. This jump shows very strong support for clubs, quite unbalanced distribution and more strength than was indicated in your first response. You cannot afford to make a slip by bidding four clubs, which will be well pleased if your partner can now afford to bid six clubs.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered.

You, South, hold: Spades 8-6, Hearts 8-2, Diamonds A-K-Q, J-8-6, Clubs Q-3-2. What do you do?

Answer: Tomorrow

Summer Fashion Preview



Two models wearing beach wear, during a summer fashion parade preview in London. On left model Paula wears a sailor suit. The blouse is in glazed cotton and has a large bow, and the pants are of rayon poplin, knee-length with button-up knees. On right Pamela wears a jersey wool white jacket, with blue collar, and the "Trews" which are tapered at the bottoms.—Express Photo.

Drastic Changes In the Kitchen

HEATLESS COOKERY A REALITY

Mansfield, O. SPEEDY home-cooking with electronics is now a reality. Homemakers soon may get an electronic range which will bake a cake in three minutes, do a four-pound roast in 20, bake biscuits in less than two, or potatoes in five.

And neither the oven nor cooking utensils gets hot!

The electronics range was introduced by the Tappan Stove Co., after being given three meal-a-day tests in 25 Mansfield homes.

The company said the ranges will cost about US\$1,000 at

first, although the cost is expected to decrease as production increases.

Food is cooked by ultra-high frequency waves which affect only the food, which must be placed in non-metallic containers, a company source said. The Mansfield housewives used either paper, pottery or glass cookware.

The range, which can be built into the wall or stand free as a conventional stove, has the oven at waist-height, and the controls at eye level. At present, it is built with two burners. The makers feel that homemakers

will do so much more oven-cooking that only two burners will be needed.

Tappan said electronics cooking would make drastic changes in the kitchen. Housewives testing the ranges found, for instance, that they set the table before they put dinner in the stove, otherwise, the meal was done before the plates were

down.

The oven has one drawback—no broiler. The cook will just have to use either a skillet or griddle to sear the steak.

United Press.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Musicland Is a Fine Place

—The Violins and the Pianolos Live There—

By MAX TRELL

"GENERAL TIN," said Knarf, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, to his friend the tin soldier, "you're a great explorer, aren't you?"

General Tin, who was standing by the playroom door with his musket over his shoulder, smiled modestly and said: "Well, I guess I am a pretty great explorer. But why do you ask?"

Musicland

"Did you ever explore a country named Musicland?" asked Knarf.

General Tin repeated several times: "Musicland, Musicland, h'm, let me see." Finally he shook his head. "No, I never explored a country named Musicland."

"It's the land where all the music comes from," said Knarf.

"So I guessed from the name," said General Tin. "But where is this country called Musicland? Is it east, west, north or south?"

"I don't know where it is," said Knarf. "But I wish I did because I'd like to go there. It's a wonderful place."

"Is it?" said General Tin. "What's so wonderful about it?"

"Well," said Knarf, "the trees that grow in Musicland are very strange. They are called 'Note Trees'."

"Note trees?" said General Tin in surprise.

Different Kinds

"Yes," said Knarf. "And there are supposed to be many different kinds of 'Note Trees'. There are 'Walnote-Trees', and 'Chesnote-Trees', and 'Hassnote-Trees', and many others. And the best of these 'Note Trees' grow in

ferent kinds of notes... long notes, short notes, flat notes, sharp notes, high notes and low notes, soft notes and loud notes."

"You don't say?" said General Tin. "And can you pick those notes and eat them?"

Knarf nodded his head. "And when you eat them, General Tin, they make you sing. They're just like real notes. They make you sing beautiful songs."

"Very interesting," said General Tin. "Do you think the birds go there and eat the notes from those wonderful trees in Musicland?"

"Oh yes," said Knarf. "All the birds go to eat the notes from the wonderful 'Note Trees' in Musicland—all except the ducks and the crows. And everybody knows how they sing!"

"But who lives in Musicland?" General Tin wanted to know.

"Lots of folks," said Knarf. "What are their names? Do you know their names?"

"What a shame," said General Tin, "that you don't know where Musicland is. I agree with you I'd like nothing better than to go there and explore it from end to end. Doesn't anyone know where it is?"

"Yes," said Knarf. "They look exactly like pianos, just as the Violins look like violins. And they are the folks who live in Musicland. I think there are some other folks, too, but I don't know their names."

And Knarf smiled, too.

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Rupert and the Lost Cuckoo—22

Rupert asks Mr. Noah, father of the messenger, the wooden dove, to lead him to the Ark.

"Well," says the old gentleman, "that is generally against my rules, but since you have taken so much trouble I may allow it; but this once." Raising his arm he

KEEP IN TRIM... By IDA JEAN KAIN

TO BOOST ENERGY AND IMPROVE THE FIGURE—

FAT is lazy. It gravitates to the nearest spot, and clings where it finds a quiet undisturbed parking place—largely on the abdomen. From there it inevitably spreads to the hips and waistline. So let's start with the abdomen...

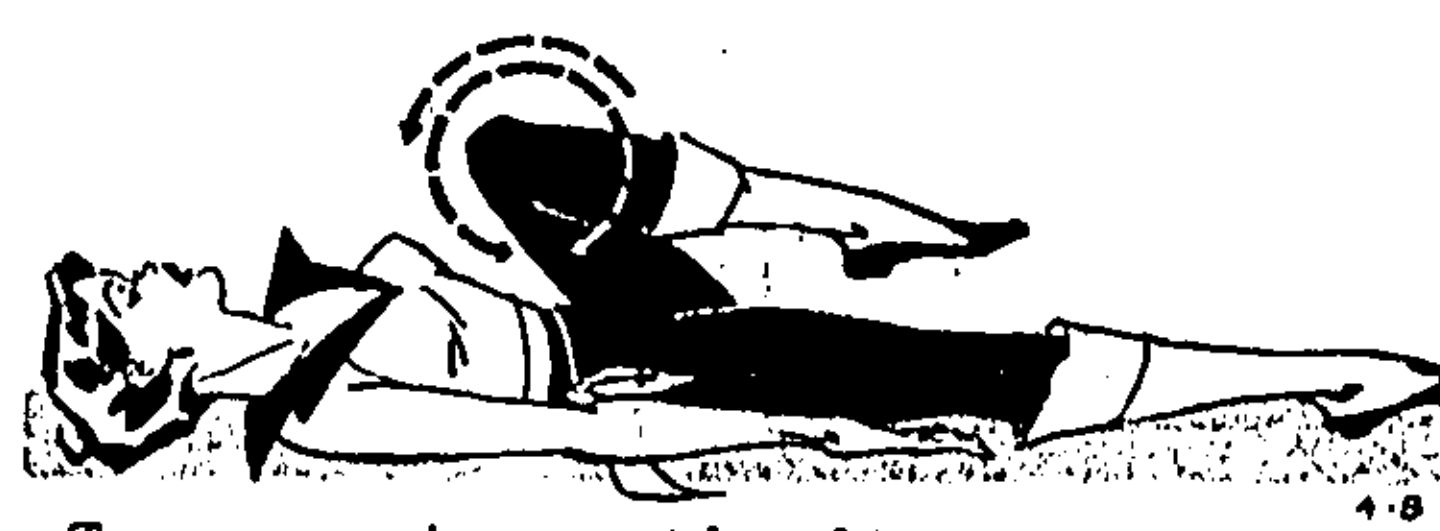
The longer I write this column, the more convinced I become that the chief aim of exercise should be to strengthen those flabby abdominal muscles. This is not merely to improve the figure, but to restore vigor and lift us out of our inertia.

From the figure standpoint, bracing tone to the front muscles will do more towards streamlining than for any other sets of muscles. The contractions should be mild and daily. However, they need not be calisthenics. Walking is wonderful if it's done in upright posture with the abdominal muscles pulled up and in firmly. But make it a thirty-minute straight away walk... 45 minutes would be better.

If time doesn't permit daily walking, then take a few well chosen calisthenics. These require 3 to 5 minutes daily.

Position: Lie on your back on floor. Bend right knee, bringing it up over chest. Pull up and in with gluteal muscles, flattening small of back to the floor.

Action: Move the knee in as large a circle as possible... circling first in one direction, then the other. Repeat this ten times, then flex opposite knee and circle again.



Tones muscles in mid-section...

If you find that exercise difficult to do, and if you are unable to keep the small of your back close to the floor, then start that exercise from a slightly different position. Lie on back on floor, and bend both knees, have soles of feet on floor. Bring right knee up over chest and make circles, while keeping sole of the other foot on floor. This takes any strain off the lower back. After the muscles of the abdomen are stronger you can do the more difficult version of this exercise.

For sooties, this next exercise also is excellent. Position: Lying on back on floor, knees bent, soles of feet on floor. Action: Lift the hips just a bit off the floor, then swing hips slightly to the right, and as you swing, pull strongly inward with the bias muscles that cover the side-front of the abdomen. Swing rhythmically back to centre, then toward the left side, tilting the side of the hip upwards slightly as you pull strongly inward with the muscles which cover the side-front. Be sure to keep the swing slow but rhythmic... do 8 full swings at first, more later. Relax.

Many New Ways To Serve Peanuts

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

"HERE in the taste-test kitchen, we have an assortment of peanuts in four forms. There are raw, roasted, salted and the peanut butter," reported the Chef.

"In France, we use peanuts very little. However, I understand they are very nutritious."

"Right," I agreed. "Raw peanuts contain approximately 20 to 27 percent secondary protein, 45 to 50 percent fat, and 17 to 25 percent carbohydrate. They are also a rich source of thiamin, riboflavin and niacin, and are excellent ground up and added to chopped meat for a loaf."

"There is less thiamin in roasted or salted peanuts and peanut butter because of the processing. But the minerals and protein remain unaffected."

MEAT ALTERNATE

"Then, Madame, peanuts can be used in making dishes to use as an alternate to meat?"

"Yes, but because they contain vegetable protein, a small quan-

ty of animal protein must be included in the meal, such as meat, fish, eggs or milk, to make a complete protein balance."

"Here is a salad I just invented that might qualify as a main dish for luncheon."

Peanut-Ham Salad: Into 1 c. chopped roasted or salted peanuts, stir ½ c. chopped cooked ham and ¼ c. chopped crisp celery; blend sparingly with mayonnaise. Serve on lettuce.

"Very nice, Chef. The peanut protein also can be made complete by combining with eggs. Here's a new pudding recipe that's really good."

Peanut-Dale Pudding: Beat 2 grade A, B or C eggs; add ¾ c. sugar, 1 c. medium-chopped roasted peanuts, 1 c. chopped pitted pasteurized dates, 1/3 c. enriched flour, 1 tsp. baking powder and ¼ tsp. salt. Mix thoroughly. Spread in an 8x8-in. baking pan or dish. Bake about 30 min. in a moderate oven, 350° F., or until firm. Cool, cut in squares, and serve with a whipped topping.

DINNER

Minestrone with Grated Cheese

Sweet Potato, Peanut and Bacon Platter

Pears with Celery

Lemon Snow Red Cherry Sauce

Coffee Tea Milk

The preceding menu calls for the following foods in good supply: sweet potatoes, tinned pears and tinned cherries.

All Measurements Are Level

Recipes Serve 4 to 6

Sweet Potato Peanut and Bacon Platter: Boil or pressure-cook 8 medium-sized sweet potatoes. Then peel, slice ¼ in. thick and arrange in a well-oiled shallow baking dish or platter that can go to-table. Brush the sweet potatoes with a slightly beaten egg mixed with 1 tsp. melted butter or margarine. Cover with coarse-chopped roasted or salted peanuts. Bake 15 min. in a moderate oven, 375° F. Meanwhile, bake ¼ lb. bacon and use as a garnish for the sweet potato dish.

Baked Bacon: Arrange strips of lean bacon in a baking pan and bake in a moderate oven, 325° F. about 12 min., or until crisp. Drain on paper towels.

SUGGESTION OF THE CHEF

For a canapé spread or sandwich, combine ½ c. crunchy-peanut butter, 2 tsp. minced celery, 1 tsp. minced scallions and 3 fine-crumbled, crisp strips bacon with chili sauce to blend.

Household Hints

Since the butter fat in milk is damaging to rubber, nipples from babies' bottles should be washed thoroughly in soapy water promptly after each feeding.

After pulling sheer curtains three times and do not "ring out" while curtains are still wet, hang smooth out and let drip dry. Sheer curtains should not be placed on a stretcher.

To remove food from boiling water without burning the fingers, use a pair of tongs. Tongs are handy utensils to keep in your kitchen, not only for removing articles from hot water but for getting olives out of bottles, and similar chores.

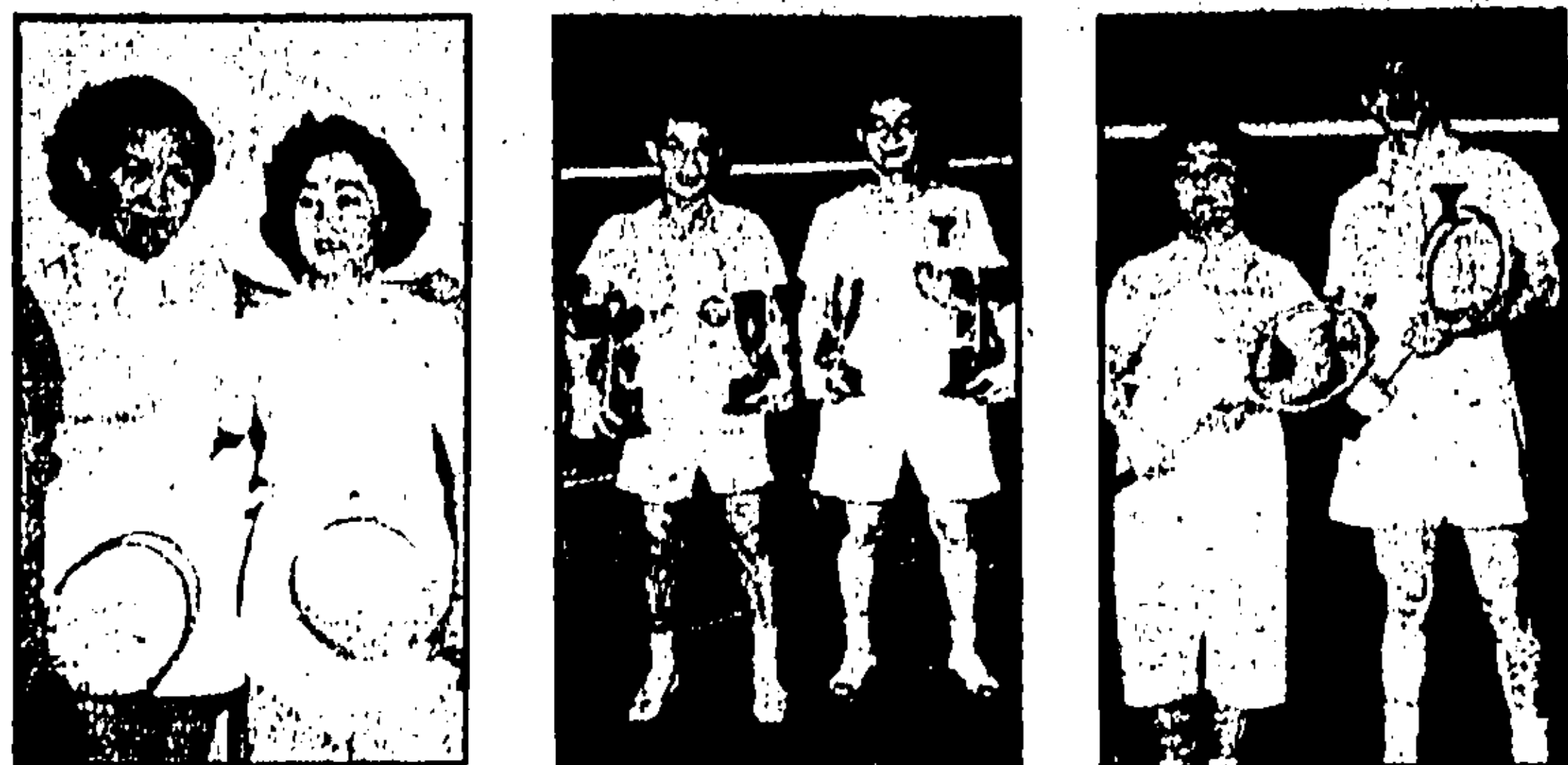
A new story

Rupert

and the

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MEET THE CHAMPIONS



Shown above are the champions of the three Senior Doubles events in the Colony Open Badminton Championships which concluded recently.

From left to right are:

Ullian Khoo and Winnie Cheung (Ladies' Doubles winners), Robert Tay and P. H. Wong (Men's Doubles winners), and Winnie Cheung and Ramon Young (Mixed Doubles winners).—China Mail Photos.

HONGKONG'S SHUTTLERS STILL HAVE THE MATCH TO PLAY AGAINST JAPAN

By "ARGONAUT"

Although the Hongkong Badminton League and Championship season has already ended and the official year of the Association is at its end, the shuttle game will continue to attract more than its quota of interest during the next few months.

One reason is that Hongkong's second round Thomas Cup match against Japan will have to be played off before November 30. This subject has again been included on the agenda of the Executive Committee meeting of the Hongkong Badminton Association scheduled for this afternoon and it is hoped that this time it will pass through its discussion stage, and result in some definite and concrete action being taken.

A selection and training committee were appointed months before but it seems that little action, if any, has been taken by these committees up to now and it was extremely fortunate that Hongkong was awarded a walkover in its first round match against Burma.

It is hoped that the re-orientation will dawn on the Association at its meeting this afternoon that the training of the Hongkong team will have to begin immediately if the beneficial effects of the recently concluded Championships are not to disappear into the summer air, and also if Hongkong hopes to put up any sort of game against the Japanese, let alone beat them.

MUCH EASIER

The recent Championships have made the selection task much easier. In the singles Ramon Young, provided that he is able to produce good form in the trials, and Bill Fung are automatic choices for the first two singles berths.

For the third singles place, the choice will have to be made among Johnny Pomeroy, Jr., Jimmy Ku, Francis Rozario, and University's R. T. Heah and M. T. Yeow.

The selection of the doubles pairs will be a slightly more difficult proposition. It has to be borne in mind that the Thomas Cup regulations allow for a maximum of six players to form a team, which means that one of the singles players will have to play in the doubles.

At the onset, therefore, it is necessary for the Selection Committee to have a fairly definite idea as to who of the singles players will be asked to play in the doubles.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Lee Wai-Tong Replies

Sir,—I have no personal animosity against Mr. Tom Sveddon, whose views and experience I respect, but I, M. McTavish, in his article in your issue last Saturday, failed to appreciate that my role as the Asian Games was that of a commentator and as such, what I have expressed over the radio broadcasts, should be taken as a third party's uninhibited opinion, and not tainted with any personal bias.

If the task of a commentator is confined only to praise, then he should be a panygyrist and not a commentator.

I have no desire to engage in any acrimonious discussion in your paper. It is necessary for me to say that all human beings are not infallible and even the best sportsmen and coaches have erred.

I repeat again that I respect Mr. Sveddon's views and ability, and I am prepared to apologise to him if he is of the opinion that my commentary was personal rather than in the interests of sports.

LEE WAI-TONG

Experience has proved that it is too much for a first and second singles players to also play in the doubles as each of the players has to play two matches in a tie.

This duty has been invariably performed by the third singles player, who has only one singles match to play. This consideration will probably affect the choice of the third singles player as only R. T. Heah of the third singles prospect is anywhere near making the doubles berth.

Then, too, the Selection Committee may have to re-husht long-standing combinations if necessary to provide for greater effectiveness.

The range of each prospect, however, could easily be limited to the following: R. T. Heah, Young, P. H. Wong, Low Keat-soo and Wong Kai-cheng.

It is a pity that the current Colony Singles Champion, Y. S. Lim, cannot qualify to play for Hongkong under the eligibility rules, or else a great deal of the selection problem could have been solved.

As to the method of training it is suggested that it be started immediately with one night's practice per week in singles, one night in doubles and one morning of roadwork.

The number of practices could be gradually increased, but it is important that emphasis be placed on roadwork in the earlier stages of the training so as to put the players in an extremely fit condition when they do come to the actual serious practices.

It is interesting to note, too, that in about four months' time, Hongkong badminton will be attaining its full growth of 21 years.

Looking back at these years, one cannot say that progress in this realm of sport has been anywhere near phenomenal, although much has been achieved.

It took the Colony 20 years before it took part in the International Championships and about 17 years before it saw in action the first top ranking foreign players on its home courts.

However, consolation can be gained from the fact that it took Malaya just under 30 years to reach top place in the badminton world and just about a quarter century for India to instal herself as the world's topmost exponent of hockey.

The lack of suitable halls and the expensive nature of the game have been the greatest hindrances to the rapid growth of the sport and here perhaps some action can be taken by the Association.

Strong voices have already been raised for the need of a full-sized indoor swimming pool for the Colony. To these the Hongkong Badminton Association could probably add theirs that in the event of that pool being realised, consideration could be given to have it so constructed that it could be covered up during the winter months to provide three or four badminton courts as was done in the French Club in Shanghai.

DEATH OF COMPETITION

The death of competition is another detrimental factor to the improvement of the

standard of the game in the Colony and in this respect Craigengower Cricket Club should be complimented on its contemplated project of holding at least three invitation events in their annual badminton championships. More of these short-period tournaments can be of untold benefit to players in improving their game.

Finally there is one aspect of the game that needs the special attention of those at the helm of the Association next year or in the years to come. The game should be brought more to the public whether by publicity in both the Chinese and English press or by action by the Association in encouraging the formation of groups of new teams.

The introduction of new events like the midget and junior classes in the Schoolboys and Schoolgirls' tournament have done a great deal in building up new players and more activity by the Association in this direction will further ensure it of a greater following and a wealth of talent from which to pick their representative players in future years.

However, it must be conceded that the scope of the Association's activities has been greatly limited during this year and past years because it has had to pander to the needs and petty complaints of even its senior clubs.

Unless such clubs make a strong effort to stand on their own feet and leave the Association free to extend its activities in other directions it will be difficult to see Hongkong badminton progress any further in another 20 years' time than it has done during the last 20 years.

BASEBALL SCORES

New York, May 16.
Today's Major League baseball results were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
New York	2	11	1
Baltimore	0	3	0
New York (2nd)	2	8	2
Baltimore	6	12	0
Philadelphia	7	9	1
Cleveland	12	10	1
Philadelphia (2nd)	0	1	1
Cleveland	6	9	0
Washington	6	12	2
Chicago	10	10	0
Washington (2nd)	3	9	1
Chicago	1	5	0
Boston	0	11	1
Detroit	7	9	1

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
St. Louis	7	10	1
Philadelphia	2	8	2
St. Louis (2nd)	3	4	1
Philadelphia	3	7	3
Milwaukee	3	8	0
New York	2	9	0
(10 innings)	2	9	0
Milwaukee (2nd)	2	8	0
New York	9	10	0
Chicago	12	17	0
Pittsburgh	8	10	0
Chicago (2nd)	1	4	1
Pittsburgh	6	7	0
Cincinnati	2	8	0
Brooklyn	4	8	0
Cincinnati (2nd)	7	8	1
Brooklyn	3	7	1

—United Press.

SOCCER INTERNATIONAL

YUGOSLAVS BEAT ENGLAND 1-0

Belgrade, May 16.

Yugoslavia maintained their unbeaten record against England by winning 1-0 in a football international here today.

England were defeated also in a "B" international played at Ljubljana, where the Yugoslavs won 2-1, the goals in both matches being scored in the second half. A capacity crowd of about 60,000 saw the Belgrade match in which Rajko Mitic, the Yugoslav inside-right, scored the winning goal three minutes before the end.

Together with Branko Stanovic, the right back who celebrated his 50th birthday, and Zlatko Cajkovski, the sturdy left-half, Mitic built up the Yugoslav team. All three were brilliant in defence and attack.

While there was some doubt about the free kick which led up to the winning goal, the Yugoslavs deserved their victory. They forced eight corners to none by England and pressed for long periods in the second half when England were quite out of touch.

England got the better of things in the opening quarter of the first half, but the Yugoslavs rallied strongly and had some fine opportunities towards the end of the half when Merriek, the English goalkeeper, had to save quickly twice in succession from Milos Milutinovic, the Yugoslav outside-right, and Mitic.

BEST CHANCE

With the stiff wind behind them, England had their best chance in the 23rd minute of the first half when Beara, the

Yugoslav goalkeeper, saved a shot from close range by Ronnie Allen, the English centre-forward.

In the second half, a stiff breeze did not give the forwards much opportunity of getting their attack going and play was ragged. It looked like being a goalless draw when the Yugoslav goal came.

Mitic, the English outside-left, was alleged to have obstructed Milutinovic and Cajkovski took the free kick. He passed it in the goalmouth, where Mitic lunged forward to earn the victory for the home team three minutes before the end of the match.

A few minutes before the Yugoslav centre-forward Vukobratovic missed a good chance of opening the score when he just failed to get his head to a centre from the left.

The English left-wing found the wind troublesome and though they did some good things, they did not move smoothly together. The defence was very sound and Sid Owen, the centre-half, was a distinct success. Merriek in goal had no chance of saving the deciding goal.—Reuter.

DAVIS CUP MATCHES

Madrid, May 16.

Italy won both singles in the delayed second round Davis Cup tie (European Zone) against Spain here today, having been rained off for the past two days.

Orlando Sirola beat Carlos Ferrer 6-1, 8-6, 7-5 and Marcello del Bello defeated Emilio Martinez 6-2, 7-5, 6-2.—Reuter.

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CHEE MING WINS THE PENTATHLON

London, May 15.

This year's Pentathlon Championship was won by Chee Ming of the South China Athletic Association, who won the R. B. Black Trophy from 14 other contestants with 2,796 points at Caroline Hill yesterday.

The Miltacian Trophy Scoring Table was used for the performance of each athlete. The 10 competitors were divided into four groups and each competitor participated in the four field events—the high jump, shot put, long jump and javelin—and the 400 metres.

LT. HUGHES SECOND

LT. N. R. Hughes of the Welch Regiment was second in the pentathlon with 2,525.75 points, followed by S/Sgt. Waite of the R.M.E. who finished with 2,350.25 points. Ng Chun-wai of the HKUAC just beat Chang Yau-tung of SCAA for fourth place with 2,270.583 points to 2,262.75 points.

Chee Ming finished the day with first positions in the high jump and long jump and third positions in the shot put and javelin, and the third best time in the 400 metres with 58 seconds.

In the high jump, Chee Ming cleared 5 feet 7 3/4 inches and he did 21 feet 3 3/4 inches in the long jump.

LT. N. R. Hughes made the best throw of the day in the javelin with 183 feet 3 3/4 inches. The next best in the javelin was only 131 feet 6 inches by S/Sgt. Waite.

Although Gnr. Dickinson's place in the Pentathlon was fifteenth, his put of 36 feet 8 inches in the shot put was the best of the day.

Griffiths registered the best time in the 400 metres with a run of 55.8 seconds.

At the end of the competition Mr. P. J. Gungy, Secretary of the HKUAC, presented the R. B. Black Trophy and shields to the first four in the Pentathlon.

The following were the final results: Chee Ming (SCAA) 2,796.25; LT. N. R. Hughes (1st Welch) 2,525.75; S/Sgt. Waite (R.M.E.) 2,350.25; Ng Chun-wai (HKUAC) 2,270.583; S. Chang Yau-tung (SCAA) 2,262.75; S/Sgt. Petrie (A. A. Workshops) 2,162.25; Gnr. G. Rogers (7th LAA Regt. (A. A.)) 1,901.575; G. Griffiths (RAF) 1,790.125; C. N. D. Robertson (A. A. Workshops) 1,582.125; C. Tsang Kwong-td (HKUAC) 1,510; C. Chen Wai-lan (SCAA) 1,487.75; R. M. M. Sweeney (Unattached) 1,314.125; 14. T. A. Boulter 1,243.242; 15. Gnr. J. Dickinson (16th Regt. R. A.) 1,203.067.

To-day's doubles match was won by Kunar and Nath of India who beat Rod and Sakko by 3-0, 6-3, 6-3, and 6-4.

India now qualifies for the third round against France.—France-Press.

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PIRIE SHOWS THEM HOW



The British champion, Gordon Pirie, demonstrating before a group of school-boy athletes who attended the young athletes' course sponsored by the County of Surrey AAA at Molesey Park.—Central Press Photo.

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SING TAO 2, KMB 4

TIGERS MOVED WITH A SILKY TEXTURE, BUT BUSMEN WON THE MATCH

By I. M. MacTAVISH

How different this result might have been. In the early stages a casual visitor would have been excused for thinking that it was the Tigers and not the Busmen who were on the verge of Championship honours.

There was silky texture about the Sing Tao play that compared more than favourably with anything that KMB showed at any time in the match. They moved the ball about with speed and accuracy and the right wing partnership of Chow Kit and Yeung Wai-tao suggested danger at every move.

Sing Tao should have opened their account immediately after the start but the score was not long delayed and Yeung Wai-tao left the KMB defenders standing to drive the ball into the net in the third minute. The Tigers maintained their superiority and it was all against the run of play when Tam Woon-cheung got a simple equaliser.

Mo Cheung-yau had a couple of possible chances to restore the Sing Tao lead but it was left to Yeung Wai-tao to do the needful in the 20th minute.

KMB got another simple goal in the 28th minute when goal-keeper Yue Yui-tak made a less than half-hearted attempt to stop a soft shot by Tang Yee-Kit.

TRAVESTY OF FACT

It was a travesty of fact that the teams should be on level terms when Referee Wilcock blew the interval whistle. On pressure and play the Tigers were much superior to our potential champions and it was only indifferent goalkeeping by Yue Yui-tak that left them in such a false position.

But, as we have seen on many occasions during the season, KMB are at their most dangerous just when the tide seems to be going against them and so it proved again.

Immediately after the interval they launched a strong attack down the right wing and diminutive Lee Shui-fai put his side in the lead when his shot was accidentally turned into his own goal by left back Mok Kam-cheung. This really completed the Tigers' tale of woe and they never recovered from the unfortunate reverse.

Centre-forward Tang Yee-Kit completed the scoring when he nudged through the defence to score a great individualistic goal. Receiving the ball on a through pass near the middle of the field, Tang outstripped five defenders before driving the ball home.

Once in the lead KMB never looked in any real danger. They began to show flashes of the brilliant constructive play of which we know they are capable but even in this they never really matched the early brilliance of their opponents.

SHOWMAN

Head and shoulders above everyone else in this game stood Hau Yung-sang. In his enthusiasm he was several times caught out of position in the later stages of the second half, but if some of the others in the Tigers' team had played with the same determination and skill they would not have left the field a defeated side.

His delightful side-of-the-foot passing and his timely interventions bore the hallmark of the class footballer. I have often criticised his attacking play but no one can deny that he is a personality. In fact I'd go so far as to say... a showman. How our game would benefit from a few more characters like him.

Apart from Hau Yung-sang, Sit Pei-yin, Yeung Wai-tao and Chow Kit put a lot of effort into their play, while until he tired in the heat, Cheung Kam-hoi was the brains of a forward line in which Ho Cheung-yau was strangely quiet.

Hung Hing-yuk, Ng Kee-cheung, Lee Shui-fai and Tang Yee-Kit were the outstanding Busmen but there were long periods when it was hard to realise that this team has almost got the Championship trophy within its grasp.

VERDICT: Not a great game but there was a lot of entertaining play. The result might easily have gone the other way... in fact this was a clear case of the points going with the breaks... but at least two

Barthel Runs His Fastest Mile

Cambridge, Mass., May 15. Joey Barthel (Luxembourg), the Olympic 1,500 metres champion, won a special mile race in 4 mins 13.3 seconds in the Hesp-agonal Games at Harvard Stadium here today.

Barthel's time was only a second short of the Stadium record set by Sweden's Gunde Hagg 15 years ago. Fred Dwyer, Horace Aachen-feller, Fred Will (all USA) and Alex Brockbridge (Scotland) followed Barthel in that order. —Reuter.

THE TEAMS

Sing Tao: Yue Yui-tak, Hau Yung-sang, Mok Kam-cheung, Sit Pei-yin, Honniball, Lo Kong-chun, Yeung Wai-tao, Chow Kit, Cheung Kam-hoi, Ho Cheung-yau, Lau Chung-sang.

KMB: Wai Fat-kin, Hung Hing-yuk, Szeo-cheung, Lee Chiu-fai, Lee Shui-fai, Szeo Man, Tang Yee-Kit, Lee Tai-fai, Tam Woon-cheung.

KWONG WAH 4, ARMY 3

In sweetening heat, on a bone hard ground, and with a light ball Kwong Wah conquered the elements to score a well-deserved victory that was even more deceiving than the goals fully suggest.

The Army team shows all the signs of having had a soccer sufficiency for this season, and certainly they never revealed the same care-free abandon as their opponents in this game.

The departure of established players has left weaknesses in the side, but newcomer Riley gave promise of being an important addition to the team for next season.

Kwong Wah started off in fast style and although they lost a quick goal, when a defender turned a Lamson's shot into the net, they never really looked to be in much danger of losing the game.

When the interval arrived they were in the lead by three goals to one as the result of good shots from Lo Sau-fook (2) and Lau Kai-chiu.

Immediately after the interval the Chinese boys went further ahead when Tam Yung-kan took advantage of loose covering in the soldiers' defence to send the ball into the net wide of Granger.

For the first time the Army started to fight back to take charge of the play. A penalty given by Wells and a fast accurate shot by Reeves put a better appearance on the score card but the Kwong Wah de-

fence, inspired by Yue Kai-yan, held out until the final whistle to become the first team to take three goals from the soldiers this season.

The winners got excellent service from Yue Kai-yan, Sit Kam-hung, So Sau-ming in defence and Lo Sau-fook and Lau Kai-chiu in the attack. Inside-left Lo had a particularly good game — probably his best of the season — and he was largely instrumental in claiming the points for his team.

For the Army, Granger had little to do and had no chance with the goals that beat him. Crowhurst was uncomfortable at right back and it was only clever covering by a top-form Wells that prevented the Kwong Wah left flank from exploiting the weakness.

Frazer got through a lot of sound work in the middle and Higgins showed improved form when he reverted to his normal position at left half in the second half.

Lamson and Reeves were the danger men up front but both of them received injuries after the interval and finished the game limping.

Thomas disappointed early on but when he had to take on a roving commission late in the game he got through a lot of good work.

VERDICT: Kwong Wah were worthy winners. The Army was a disappointing side and obviously suffering from the loss of so many of its star players. But all twenty-two players could have been pardoned for removing their shirts and settling down to a comfortable spell of sunbathing. It was that kind of weather.

THE TEAMS

Kwong Wah — Yue Kai-yan; Sit Kam-hung, Cheung Tang-sum; Hsu Du-yad, So Sau-ming, Chen Yu, Chen Ming-chiu, Kwok Cheuk-cheung, Lau Kai-chiu, Lo Sau-fook, Tam Yung-kan.

Army — Granger; Crowhurst; Wells; Higgins, Frazer, Riley; Lamson, Reeves, Bennett, Wingfield, Thomas.

Many New Players In County Cricket

By DENNIS HART

As the new cricket season gets under way speculation runs high on who will gain the honours; England or Pakistan in the Tests; Surrey or one of sixteen challengers in the county championship.

While such things are a matter for conjecture, one point is certain—much of the limelight will centre on fresh faces.

The Tests set the pattern. For the first time ever a team from Pakistan, Britain's youngest Dominion, are the visitors. In the County Championship new men are a feature of many sides.

True, all the faces will not be entirely new. Some have already made brief appearances and given hopes of great things to come. This season, a full summer's cricket can show whether these hopes are likely to be fulfilled.

NORTHANTS HOPE

The progress of a young Northamptonshire lad will be followed with much interest. He is Frank Tyson, a burly 23-year-old who originally hails from Lancashire, tipped by Freddie Brown to become another Larwood.

Last season some 250 overs earned him 20 wickets. In approved fashion he spent some of the winter felling trees to build up his physique. His aim is to be a "close" wicket-keeper, for in the past he has been inclined to burn up quickly.

Although unlikely to make Test grade this season—True-man and Statham are the main candidates to keep out Bessie—his good summer can earn Frank a trip to Australia in the winter.

Such a prospect may also be in store for another young bowler, a slow one this time, off-spinner Robin Matlar of Sussex. Last season Robin skipped the Cambridge University side. On the feathered-bowling side, he captured 61 wickets, nearly twice as many as any other Light

Blue bowler, at an average cost of 20 runs.

At the end of term he came down to Sussex and took 56 County Championship wickets for less than 25 runs apiece.

But perhaps the youngster who engenders most hope, from his own county at least, is John Bailey, of Essex.

Of medium pace, John—no relation to Trevor—burst onto the scene last summer in sensational fashion. In his first match he took seven Nottinghamshire wickets for 32 runs. He finished the season with 25 wickets costing a mere 13 runs each, a performance which gained him top place in all the first class averages.

NO WONDER

And no wonder Essex are hopeful. Their batting is the brightest in the country. But the bowling, still relying mainly on the willing, but no longer young, Ray Smith, can do with a boost.

Another pace bowler who should catch the eye is Yorkshire's Bob Appleyard. It may seem strange to talk of a bowler who has captured over 200 wickets in one season as a youngster. But Appleyard, after achieving that feat in his first full summer's cricket, was stricken with pleurisy and has been out of the game for two years.

Now he is starting all over again.

Not all the county newcomers are youngsters however. Some have made their names with other counties, some in other countries.

At Somerset can be found some of each, in the most cosmopolitan side in the country. Included in their line-up this season will be a West Indian, Peter Wright, an Australian, Jim McMahon, who, incidentally came via Surrey, and Lancastrians John Hilton and John Lomax.

They face a difficult task. Last season, for the second time in succession, Somerset finished bottom of the table. Everyone wishes the new men well.

ON HIS WAY



John Landy, the famous Australian runner who has made several efforts to run the elusive "four-minute" mile, pictured on his arrival at London Airport on his way to Finland and Sweden where he will attempt to break the world records for the 1,500 Metres and one Mile.—Central Press Photo.

Mottram And Paish—They Were Veterans When They Started

First major event on the British lawn tennis calendar is the Hard Courts Championships at Bournemouth. British? In name only. The goods have usually been foreign.

"I wonder what American or Swede will play the Australian or Dane" was often the crowd's conjecture on the final.

But not this year. Conjecture was blown gloriously sky-high. The tournament ended last week. For the first time in 17 years the final was between two British players—Tony Mottram and Geoff Paish.

To reach the last round, the British pair knocked out two of the world's top hard courts players, those two great Danes, Kurt Nielsen, Wimbledon finalist last year, and Torben Ulrich.

A wonderful performance from the international prestige angle. And even greater one from the national sporting point of view. For, as Britain's top tennis pair, the lot of Mottram and Paish has been a strange one.

HELD THE FORT

They have held the fort through some of the leanest years Britain has experienced.

But by some queer reasoning, less discerning followers of the game have attributed the bad spell to Mottram and Paish.

Their argument runs something like this: "Being Britain's best, they should have made their mark in the international field. If they couldn't let them make way for younger blood."

So the talk is the Knights, the Wilsons and Oakleys. All well and good. Youth must have its head. Especially in tennis—essentially a young man's game.

But not until it has proved itself worthy of the heritage. So Mottram and Paish have never won any top world tournaments? Maybe not. But they are unbeaten by their own countrymen.

And their record against overseas players bears examination. In the seven years they have collected 34 Davis Cup victories. And they are still Britain's front rank.

STARTED AS VETERANS

With all this talk of youth, it is interesting to record that, by modern standards, Mottram and Paish were veterans when they entered the international field.

Returning from the war, Mottram was 26, Paish 24. It availed them little that in 1937 schoolboy Mottram was hailed as another Fred Perry or that, the following year, the same claims were levelled at schoolboy Paish.

Many years had elapsed since then. Years which would have been the formative and peak ones of their careers, but in which tennis played an almost non-existent part.

Mottram, indeed, almost gave up the top-class game. Up to the war he had been at school. After that his only trade was an Air Force pilot. He had to think of earning a living.

He couldn't do that as an amateur tennis player—unless he reached the top. He had to judge whether he could do that.

Reason said no. At 26, he could never start all over again. But reason isn't everything. Tony loved tennis. Love found its way.

WAS EASIER

For Paish the decision was easier. A civil servant, his

future was assured. But if his decision was easier, he still had to put in the same hard work.

So the firm Mottram and Paish came into being.

As senior partner, Mottram has enjoyed more personal glory.

An enigma of inconsistency—in one game his play can vary between the world-beating and the rabbit class—his on-days have produced brilliant victories.

He soon justified his decision to concentrate on tennis. In that first season of 1946 he reached the doubles final of the Irish open tournament, won the mixed doubles, partnered by Doris Hart, and, partnered by Jean Bostock, won the mixed doubles in America's Pacific Coast tournament.

But his two greatest performances were at Wimbledon in the singles.

The first was in 1950. A new American star had been born. Name of Trabert, he was predicted to shine brighter than all the other great names from across the Atlantic. At nineteen he came to Wimbledon.

SUNK HIM

He was not expected to win the title, straight off. But it was reckoned he would collect some important scalps. He probably would have done, too. But in the second round he came up against Mottram. Playing the best tennis by a Briton since the days of Fred Perry, Tony sunk the young American in three straight sets.

The following year, Tony came up against someone very much fancied to win the crown—Jaroslav Drobný.

Suffering from malaria, doped with quinine to enable him to walk onto the court, no one gave anything for the British player's chances.

But, despite his weakened state, Tony produced perhaps the greatest post-war upset in the championships. He beat Drobný in a gruelling five-set match, 5-7, 6-4, 2-6, 7-3, 8-6.

Yes, any limelight has been centred on Mottram whose dark wavy hair and striking profile give him a Hollywood appearance.

Plain, bespectacled Paish, reliable rather than spectacular, has remained in the background. He hasn't minded. Like Mottram, he has had only one aim—always to give his best.

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HOLLYWOOD HEADLINES

MR DISNEY DECIDES IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER FAIRY STORY

By JENNIFER JOHNS

Hollywood. Thrilled with seeing "Pinocchio" for a second time (its revival here is outstripping its first-run popularity) I decided to see what the animators at the Disney studios had on their drawing boards for the future. I found they had quite a lot.

Although currently achieving an outstanding success with his latest Nature documentaries ("The Living Desert" and "Bear Country"), Mr Disney has decided that it is nevertheless time for another fairy story.

As a result the famous Burbank studio is to start work soon on its most ambitious cartoon project ever—nearly £2 million worth of "Beauty and the Beast". When production starts more than 600 people will be fully employed on the film. It won't be shown before 1958 but a "best-ever" from Disney should be worth waiting for.

VOICE IS NOT SILENT

Even though "From Here to Eternity" has made him a fully-fledged (and Oscar-winning) dramatic star, I gather that Frank Sinatra has no intention of slowing down the production of his records. In fact he is recording every spare moment he can get off from his work on "Suddenly"—the thriller in which he has the job of killing the President of the United States. "This dramatic acting is

fine to get your teeth into but I couldn't get along without singing sometimes!" None seems could his public get along without Frankie. One of his latest songs "Young At Heart" has sold 750,000 records. "This isn't enough," says Frankie. "I want it to be over the million mark. But it's not bad all the same." Nor is it.

STILL SEARCHING

Marilyn and Joe are still looking for their dream house. Plenty of people willing to sell them a dream. For a million dollars. "All we want" says Marilyn "is just a small place. One bedroom."

Marie Lanza recently refused a one-week singing turn in Philadelphia. At £25,000, he is still sorting out his income tax problems. Doesn't want any more complications.

David Wayne has become a prospector. In oil. At least he's just picked up a slice of an oil-field in Kansas. Price not revealed. There's plenty all there. It would cost a lot.

It was bound to happen. Sheree North who was being groomed by 20th-Century in case Marilyn didn't come back, is now complaining that she's being played down. Marilyn is back. "There's no room for two of us" says Sheree. Which would seem to be a dangerous thing to say at the present stage.

Clark Gable is taking it easy and quietly way out in the backwoods. A secluded mountain spot in Upper California. "A Fishin'" his friends. Personally I think he's just gone any place to get away from the furore over his pre-festational future.

Believe it or not but Humphrey Bogart heading for Africa again to make the "Man Who Would Be King" has collected an English accent. Not from his last ("African Queen") visit to Africa but from the Olivers in England. They have become firm friends. "A Star is Born" (Judy Garland's come-back) took an extra long time to shoot. Now I learn why. Judy couldn't manage more than two hours acting at a time.

ROZ RETURNS

Heading back this way any day now is Rosalind Russell. She will be back after 14 months on Broadway in "Wonderful Town". Rosalind's return to the screen will start with a musical Western ("Girl Rush") produced by her husband, Frederick Brisson.

This is one of those husband-and-wife teams that do better in Hollywood than many of the

more complicated film circuses. So much so that "Girl Rush" (which begins filming in August) stands a good chance of getting Frank Sinatra, Charles Coburn and Edmund Gwenn into a team together. See what I mean!

Looking for gossip on the "Strategic Command" set at Paramount I came across a heart-warming story good to read in Hollywood these days. Or at any time for that matter.

It all concerns June Allyson and revolves round the fact that I have never seen a star wear so little jewellery. I discover now that this is all due to husband Dick Powell. They have been married nine years and happily so every moment of them. On her dress June wears a wedding ring. Not hers, she explains, but the ring with which her mother-in-law had been married.

"Dick had it mounted on a golden pin and gave it to me as a Mother's Day gift last year." I probed further and June added proudly: "Dick has the most exquisite taste of any person I have ever known. He gave me the only other piece of jewellery I wear."

I asked what and she pointed to a bracelet of four tiny gold angles linked together with fresh-water pearls. "And that's not all," said June. "Each angle has a distinct personality."

They represent each of our two children and the other two are Dick and me. It was an anniversary gift. Dick's own quiet way of saying that ours is one family which will always be tied together. Here's wishing it so.

ROMAN DISCOVERY

I hear from a colleague in Rome that the flourishing Italian film industry, not to be outdone by Hollywood, has just discovered the Bible.

Five Biblical film titles have been registered by Italian film companies during the past fortnight, ranging from the "Walls of Jericho" to the "Prodigal Son". Another company is scheduled to produce the "Life Of Christ"—in technicolor.

All a very far cry from Italy's recent run of "bad girl" stories played by such curvaceous wonders as Gina Lollobrigida and Silvana Pampanini!

He Did See His Favourite Team

Luis da Costa, 17-year-old soccer fan in Portuguese Guinea, stowed away aboard a Portuguese steamer to get to Lisbon to see the team he had read so much about, Sporting Club, actually in action.

He was arrested and was being sent home when the Sporting Club directors heard of his escapade and pleaded with the police on his behalf.

They went bail for him and took him to the match as their guest.

Then he reported back to the police for shipment back home.—China Mail Special.

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"PYRRIUS"	Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow	5th June	6th June
"AENEAS"	Liverpool & Glasgow	13th June	14th June

Scheduled sailings from Europe

	Sails	Arrives	
"PYRRIUS"	Liverpool	11th May	11th May
"AENEAS"	Rotterdam	27th May	27th May
"CLYTONUS"	—	28th May	28th May
"ANCHISES"	—	29th May	29th May
"PYRRIUS"	—	30th May	30th May
"AENEAS"	—	31st May	31st May
"CLYTONUS"	—	1st June	1st June
"ANCHISES"	—	2nd June	2nd June
"PYRRIUS"	—	3rd June	3rd June
"AENEAS"	—	4th June	4th June
"CLYTONUS"	—	5th June	5th June
"ANCHISES"	—	6th June	6th June
"PYRRIUS"	—	7th June	7th June
"AENEAS"	—	8th June	8th June
"CLYTONUS"	—	9th June	9th June
"ANCHISES"	—	10th June	10th June
"PYRRIUS"	—	11th June	11th June
"AENEAS"	—	12th June	12th June
"CLYTONUS"	—	13th June	13th June
"ANCHISES"	—	14th June	14th June
"PYRRIUS"	—	15th June	15th June
"AENEAS"	—	16th June	16th June
"CLYTONUS"	—	17th June	17th June
"ANCHISES"	—	18th June	18th June
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"PYRRIUS"	—	29th July	29th July
"AENEAS"	—	30th July	30th July
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DEATHS

RECTOR to Jacques Alexandre, 55, suddenly at his home, 1 Beltrani Road, Kowloon, on May 17, 1954, at 40 a.m. Deeply beloved husband of Alice and father of Roger, Catherine, and Jean. Funeral will take place this afternoon at 4 p.m. at the Jewish Cemetery.

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By Order of the Board,
 E. W. WILMOTT,
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Hongkong, 17th May, 1954.

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It's Been A "Dead" Election Campaign In Eire

Dublin, May 17.

Party leaders made whirlwind tours of the country this week-end in an effort to whip up enthusiasm for Tuesday's General Election.

But reports reaching Dublin indicate that they seem to have made little stir.

It has been the "deadest" election campaign in the 32 years since Southern Ireland became an independent Republic.

Since the last election in 1951 the Government Liberal Party led by the veteran Irish statesman, Mr. Eamon de Valera, has held 72 seats out of 147 in the Dail (lower house of Parliament). It has had to depend on the support of a handful of independents to keep in office.

Since all the opposition parties are prepared to go into a coalition against the Government, a few seats against the Government could put it out of office.

The Irish public has so far not given any clear indication of how it will vote. Political party spokesmen believe that a great many people probably made up their minds long before the election was declared—particularly the city dwellers most nearly affected by the cost of living.

MAIN ISSUE

Some observers predict that in the cities there will be a slight swing away from the Government, which might just tip the scale in favour of the opposition.

The cost of living is the main issue, and a possible reason for the lack of public enthusiasm.

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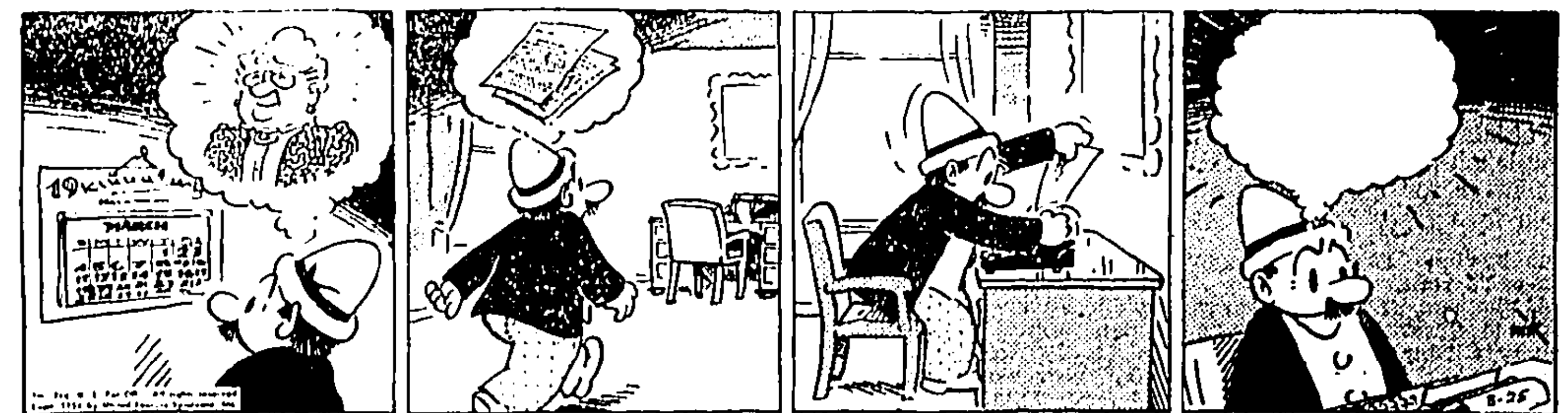
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Japan, Korea, 6 p.m.

Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.

By Surface

Japan, 3 p.m.

Macao, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 18

By Air

Philippines, 9 a.m.

Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Greece, Britain, and Europe, 10 a.m.

Japan, Korea, Hawaii, U.S.A. and Canada, 1 p.m.

Formosa, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, U.S.A. and Canada, 6 p.m.

Indo-China, 6 p.m.

By Surface

China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.

Macao, 9 a.m.

Formosa, 11 a.m.

Japan, Canada, 1 p.m.

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OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER Election Campaign Beginning To Gather Momentum

From H. KING WOOD

Sydney, May 14.

Our Federal Election campaign is beginning to hot up in no uncertain manner and by the time the candidates go to the poll tomorrow fortnight it could easily be one of the most bitterest ever fought.

The Liberal Party has now occupied the Treasury benches for very nearly six years and in the normal course of events a change could be expected. The Opposition Leader, Dr Evatt, always an ardent Labour man, once a High Court justice, is doing his best to see that he adds to his long list of laurels by assuming the Prime Ministership, but while judging the result of an election is tricky business, everything points to the fact that at the moment he has nothing better than an even money chance.

At the moment we are enjoying prosperity that the country has never known before, and by the time the elections are under way the Petrov Royal Commission will be in full swing. Two pointers to indicate that the Government will be returned.

But no guarantee that Labour won't go in with a record majority.

DREAM TOWN
Mr Colin Davis, director of the Timber Development Association of Australia, has found the dream town — Bulolo — New Guinea.

According to Mr Davis, this town, in one of the most charming spots of New Guinea, has 500 modern timber houses, each with electricity, hot and cold water, fully furnished, and let to workers in the local plywood mill for 22/6 a week.

Water and electricity are free and free ice is delivered daily to those with no refrigerator. Free firewood is provided once a week and buses to work and school are also free.

There's more yet — the average labourer in the mill is earning £25 a week tax-free! The town has a modern swimming pool, golf links, football tennis courts, schools, hospitals, recreation and unlimited parklands.

You can add to all that the fact that every housewife has at least one native boy to do the house work.

Pass me my hat.

ROYAL COMMISSION
A large gang of workmen has begun to convert the Albert Hall, Canberra, into a courtroom. The Royal Commission into the Petrov Affair will sit in this building.

The authorities are arranging for special rooms for the three Royal Commissioners and counsel, seating for at least 300 members of the public, reserved seats for scores of diplomats, public servants and key witnesses, witness stands and positions for police and other officials.

One of the big jobs is accommodation near the bench for at least 60 Australian and overseas reporters who will cover the Commission details of Commonwealth evidence based on Petrov's disclosures.

Political observers said this week that counsel would take at least two days to give the Commission details of Commonwealth evidence based on Petrov's disclosures.

FIRST TUNNEL
In the bitter cold one morning this week Norwegian tunnellers completed the first tunnel on the Snowy Mountain hydro-electric project.

The tunnel, a horseshoe-shaped excavation through mountains, is three and a half miles long, 10 ft high and 10 ft wide. It will carry water from a dam to a hydro-electric power station.

The tunnel is the longest in Australia, easily heating the underground railway one in Sydney.

The Federal Government recently let a contract for £25 million to the Kaiser Corporation of America to cut a tunnel more than 14 miles long.

The Snowy project is one of the world's biggest jobs — and as it proceeds scientists and engineers are encountering all sorts of strange problems — and overcoming them.

Take the case of the eels. The Snowy River itself is full of wriggling, squirming eels, but the Murray River, on the other side of the Great Dividing

Trade With China: US Declaration

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level of the first half of 1952." Exports to China from July to December were estimated at \$111,000,000 as compared with \$150,000,000 for the previous six months.

Western imports from China also dropped, but not so sharply. They declined from \$226,000,000 to \$198,400,000.

It was true that in spite of the decline, some countries were able to sell more to the Chinese in 1953 than in the previous year. Western Germany's exports to China rose from \$2,800,000 in 1952 to \$25,000,000 in 1953. Those of France rose from \$3,300,000 to \$12,400,000, and those of Japan from \$500,000 to \$4,500,000.

Exports from the United Kingdom to China rose from \$12,800,000 to \$17,500,000.

But exports from Hongkong, "the traditional gateway of commerce to and from the mainland of China, fell so drastically in the second half of 1953," the report said. The total for all of 1952 was only \$94,000,000, or little more than the \$91,000,000 of the previous year.

"And the Communists slashed their buying of Pakistan cotton, which had come to about \$84,000,000 in 1952, down to about \$7,000,000 in 1953."

TRADE VALUES DROP

Mr Stassen said commerce between the West and the Soviet group as a whole declined in 1953 although trade with China temporarily increased.

He submitted figures showing that the value of commerce between Western nations and the Soviet group in Europe dropped from about \$2,400 million (about \$2,875,100,000) in 1952 to about \$2,200 million (about \$2,785,700,000) in 1953.

Trade with China fell short of what had been predicted for the whole year according to the Foreign Operations Administration report.

"Clearly the glittering prospect of a vast and lucrative trade with the Chinese Communist group has not captured the imagination of many Western traders who are materialising," the report said.

Stressing that the extremes of no trade with the Soviet group and unrestricted trade should be avoided, the report said:

"We also bear in mind the possibility that trade contacts can help to improve relations among peoples. But we are not thereby accepting the belief that international trade inevitably and automatically leads towards peace. It takes two to trade and trade is not necessarily a road to peace unless both parties wish to make it so." — Reuter.

French Column Forced Back

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ing the Vietnamese to repair the shell-pocked and bomb-damaged airstrip at Dien Bien Phu so that C-47 hospital transports can land and carry out loads of wounded.

The French military authorities have said they fear the Vietnamese might use a protracted evacuation operation, during which observation flights would be banned, to shift their focus from Dien Bien Phu into the Red River delta for an assault on Hanoi.

The two-man French mission flew back to Hanoi today to confer with General Rene Cogny, French commander on the Northern Indo-China front. — United Press.

SOLDIERS GO OVER TO REDS

Prague Radio said last night that a second American soldier had crossed into Czechoslovakia from West Germany and asked for political asylum.

He was Private First Class Peter Rank, who had served in the United States occupation forces in Germany since 1951 and was of German origin.

The radio did not say where or why Rank crossed the frontier.

Saturday night Prague Radio reported that an American non-commissioned officer, James Davis, crossed the frontier on May 14. — Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I told Wilbur I couldn't afford to go steady with him while my baby-sitting career was such a financial success!"

Appeal Against Chief Justice's Judgment

An appeal against the judgment of the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe who gave judgment with costs to plaintiff (present respondent) in an action involving the alleged sale of property housing the Sih Nam School, No. 1 Oaklands Path, Upper Levels, during the Japanese occupation of Hong-kong, was brought by two of three defendants in the original action (now appellants) before the Full Court, comprising the Puisne Judge, Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, and the Acting Puisne Judge, Mr Justice J. Reynolds this morning.

Appellants are Chu Yam-on, schoolmaster, and Cheung Lam-chau, headmaster, both of the Sih Nam School. They are represented by Mr John McNeill, QC, and Mr S. V. Giffins, both instructed by Mr F. H. Lacey.

Named as second defendant in the original action was Leung Sal-koo, schoolmaster, who was stated in evidence during the hearing to have died prior to the issue of the writ in 1948.

Respondent is Li Tam Tching of No. 8 Kennedy Terrace, ground floor, the wife of Mr Li Koon-chun, prominent Hong-kong merchant. Appearing on her behalf are the Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, and Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, both on the instructions of Mr Y. K. Kan.

Mr McNeill this morning said that the appeal was from the judgment of the Chief Justice which was delivered by the Chief Justice, Mr Justice T. J. Gould on March 5.

One of the points which at a later stage he would deal with was the matter of the alleged registration of a certain document in the Land Office, he said.

The judgment was a judgment in an action brought by the plaintiff (respondent) who alleged that she had procured a Japanese assignment from the three defendants named in the writ, said Mr McNeill.

ALREADY DEAD

After the writ had been issued it transpired that the second defendant was already dead and nothing more was done about that by the plaintiff and the action proceeded against the first and third defendants. A rather curious position might arise when the Court came to the orders made by the Chief Justice, said Counsel.

The orders were directed only against the first and third defendants.

Counsel referred the Court to the amended statement of claim in order that their Lordships might appreciate the orders made.

After further referring the Court to part of the Chief Justice's judgment, Mr McNeill asked permission of the Court to produce a register by a member of the staff of the Land Office.

FORMAL OBJECTION

Formally objecting to its production, Mr d'Almada said that the register was not exhibited in the Court below, and therefore it was not in evidence.

He submitted the Court could not now admit it in evidence. The objection was noted by their Lordships.

The register was then handed up to the Court for perusal.

Mr McNeill said that he would say at a later stage that it was vital that an ordinance such as the Land Registration Ordinance should be followed in the strictest detail, and if it was not, then there was no such thing as registration.

The action was in fact an action for specific performance of the Japanese assignment which was alleged in paragraph 6 of the amended statement of claim, Counsel said. Whatever form the assignment took, the Ordinance clearly said that it was to take effect only as an agreement to do something.

This was a point of utmost importance which in his respectful submission the Trial Judge completely misapprehended. If it was a finding that it was an assignment, Counsel said it was wrong. It was not an assignment, he declared.

Hearing is continuing.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Signal and Programme Summary: 6.30, Children's Half Hour presented by Sally Ann (Studio); 6.30, Cantonese by Radio-Lesson 30 Prepared by S.K. Lee. Assisted by Denis Bray and Lee Wai Lan (Records); 6.45, "Box 29" Ben Gillett at the Organ (OB); 7, "On the Beat" Dance Band of the Hong Kong Special Constabulary directed by Andy Hidalgo (Recorded); 7.30, "Viewpoint" A weekly magazine programme devoted to literature, drama and the cinema. Edited and introduced by Donald Brooks; 8, "The Wipe Bamboo" by J. Malcolm Morris; "Men Against the Jungle" by Ritchie Calder; Drama: "Timothy Birch" "Count your blessings" (Garrett); Films: "Jane Roberts"; 10, "Weather Report"; 11, Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 11.30, News Talk (OB); 11.45, "Box 29" Ben Gillett at the Organ; 12.15, "Songs of Nicholas Rudensky" (Composer); 12.30, Green Valley in "The Black Museum" No. 9 in the series of programmes based on the records of the C.I.D. Scotland Yard, London; 1, "The Walking Stick" by J. J. Morris; 1.15, "Stands Across the Street" by J. J. 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